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Unveiling the James Farmer Memorial

A Great Moment at Mary Washington College

By Antoinette R. Parker

"This is truly one of the great moments in the life of this College," President William M. Anderson Jr. said as he welcomed several hundred guests to Dodd Auditorium on April 20 for the James Farmer Memorial unveiling. Featured speaker was civil rights leader Andrew Young, who was on campus as Mary Washington's first visiting professor in human rights. Young, former U.N. ambassador and past mayor of Atlanta, highlighted events from James Farmer's life that demonstrated the former MWC professor's commitment to using nonviolent methods to advance human rights causes. Young also told stories to recall sacrifices Farmer made for the civil rights movement — sacrifices which, at times, could have cost him his life. But through it all, Young said, Farmer never became angry, and he never gave up his commitment to nonviolent action. *continued on the inside back cover*

Above: The sculpture is situated across from Trinkle Hall.

Left: Former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young addressed a diverse and enthusiastic crowd.

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Rosemary Ingham

BY HELEN M. HOUSLEY

At age 10 she recorded her life's goals in a book of memories: 1) to write a book that would sit on a library shelf for other little girls like herself to read, and 2) to ride a Triple Crown winner. Technically, Rosemary Ingham has accomplished neither of those goals. She *has* authored four books that probably do sit in libraries, but it is not likely that little girls choose to read them. However, to this day, she has not *yet* ridden that Triple Crown winner!

A montage of images and sounds occurs when you mention Rosemary to anyone: a quilted picture hanging on a wall; a trilling laugh echoing down a hallway; deft fingers hand-sewing silken fabric; an earnest voice discussing a play, a book, a televised political debate; a hand drawing free-form designs on a computer pad; a silhouetted figure conferring with a student; a home-cooked meal welcoming one after rehearsal. These sights, sounds, and smells only scratch the surface of the woman called Rosemary Ingham.

She is the retiring director of costuming and design in the Department of Theatre and Dance and has taught countless students the rudiments of stitching, draping, and building costumes for the department's plays. Even more students will remember Rosemary as the professor who first piqued their interest in theatre through her Intro to Theatre course and its regular field trips to professional productions in the Washington, D.C., and Richmond areas.

It is not easy to categorize Rosemary's accomplishments. Nor does she invite pigeonholing into any of the numerous careers she has occupied to date: nursing student, educator, costume designer, secretary, director, wife, mother, scholar, author, businesswoman, playwright, grandmother. As she says, "I have never thought of myself as any one thing because I always wanted to be more than just that — I didn't want to limit myself to only one role or occupation."

Nor is it simple trying to pinpoint the pivotal events in Rosemary's life. Having gleaned bits and pieces of her life's story over our six-year friendship, I had still never heard all the particulars. More to the point, I had not yet learned what

caused a child of the Shenandoah Valley to become one of this country's most respected professional costume designers. How exactly does one get from being the granddaughter of a female tailor in Staunton, Va., to being a founding member of the Long Wharf Theatre in New Haven, Conn.? How does one start out as a scholarship student at a boarding school in southwestern Virginia to being a guest lecturer at the Hong Kong Theatre Academy? And how does one go from a nursing school drop-out to author of the leading textbooks on costume design and construction?

By rather circuitous routes, it seems.

She always wanted to be a writer. And she didn't really care what she wrote about. So when she fell in love with and married Robert Ingham (who passed on in 1992), an aspiring playwright, actor and director, it was only natural that she would eventually write about the theatre. As she herself states, "If Bob had been a dentist, I would have written books about dental hygiene."

Although writing was her passion, she could always "draw pretty well." This skill, combined with her sewing background, naturally brought her to the

Rosemary demonstrates to students Mark Wright and Jenn Miller the intricacies of building a bustle.

Rosemary and Theatre Department Chair Gregg Stull review costume designs from the 1995 MWC production of Cloud 9.

Costume construction students Amy Prible (foreground), Jennifer Moss (left), and Kristin Cantwell (right), admire the accomplishment of a finished project.

world of costumes. In those early years, as Bob rehearsed on the stage of the all-male University of Virginia, Rosemary stitched costumes behind the scenes, altering those already made and creating from scratch others for which she had only the crudest drawings. This practice led her to designing her own costumes. She learned the craft and the art as she went along. In the late 1950s, there were few costume-design programs or degrees available, and Rosemary's education in theatre came from observing the process firsthand, talking with Bob, and working as a secretary for the director of Virginia's Bureau of Speech and Drama. By the time Bob received his B.A. in history, Rosemary was well-versed in theatre and drama.

Rosemary's odyssey next took her to the Yale Drama School. Bob began work on an MFA in playwriting and, a year later, Rosemary joined him at the drama school as a special student in playwriting and design. Both parents shared in raising their three sons, Richard, Jim and Ted. For Rosemary, formal education in theatre gave way to the exciting world of founding a professional theatre in New Haven — the Long Wharf Theatre, one of the first regional theatres in the country. Rosemary served as the fledgling theatre's resident costume designer for three years.

Her journey continued with classes in literature and criticism at Grinnell College, where Bob taught for three years, summers as the resident costumer at The Court Theatre in Beloit, Wis., employment as the costume design supervisor at the University of Montana (where she also received her B.A. in English literature), and service as the costume shop manager and dramaturg at the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre. Somewhere during all this activity she took time out to have her fourth son, Stephen.

The last 20 years have found Rosemary as an assistant professor of theatre at Southern Methodist University; a free-lance costume designer and technician at the Utah Shakespeare Festival, Arena Stage, TheatreVirginia, The Kennedy Center and the Dallas Lyric Opera, among others; a master's student at St. John's College; owner and manager of Clothworks, a fabric store in Charlottesville; co-author (with Liz Covey) of three seminal works on costuming: *The Costume Technician's Handbook* (1980), *The Costume Designer's Handbook* (1982), and *The Pattern Development Handbook* (1988); and sole author of *From Page to Stage: How Theatre Designers Make Connections Between Scripts and Images* (1998). She came to Mary Washington as a designer in 1983, turned adjunct in 1984, and became full time in 1989.

The list of theatrical artists with whom she has worked over the years reads like a veritable who's who in American theatre. Her friends, acquaintances, and colleagues in the professional and educational theatre world are so numerous that MWC theatre department chair Gregg Stull jokes that accompanying Rosemary to a theatre conference is an experience unto itself: "You drop her off in the lobby at the beginning of the conference and you don't get to talk to her again until she surfaces at the end: if you catch a glimpse of her during breaks, she is surrounded by former students, friends, and adoring fans — she knows absolutely everybody!"

While she has attained notable status in the theatrical world, Rosemary herself would probably count her sons as her greatest achievement. Although scattered across the U.S., they call and visit regularly to discuss their work, families — and the latest election scandal. The quality that allowed her to raise four grounded individuals in an often hectic world of frequent moves, late night rehearsals, and occasional separations is the same quality that endears Rosemary to her students — she is a nurturer. She challenges one to excel, to explore, to take risks, all the while solidly supporting the individual, no matter the outcome. When asked what she would miss most about MWC, she replied, "Always having contact with an incoming generation — friends don't keep those connections with the music, the fashion, the trends. It's the students who have kept me rooted in the present."

A final image: In December, 8-year-old granddaughter Emmy was asked what game or activity she wanted to have at her birthday party, which was celebrated this year at Gram's house. Without hesitation, Emmy held up a Klutz book of instructions for children's activities and announced: "I want to mummify Barbie." Rosemary joined in the preparations, helping Emmy's parents, son Jim and daughter-in-law Leslie, gather the requisite materials (beginning with new Barbie dolls), and spent the afternoon beaming at grandchildren Rosie, Nathan and Emmy while they all anointed, herbalized, and wrapped the Barbies in layers of tissue paper and drafting tape, and applied appropriate decorations. Son Steve was pressed into service as the builder of sarcophagi, and now the mummified Barbies and their sarcophagi rest on the piano awaiting entombment — a project no doubt somewhere in Rosemary's future along with free-lance design assignments and the novel she is currently writing.

Retirement from Mary Washington College will not slow Rosemary Ingham down. Look for her name in theatre programs across the country and on the *New York Times* best-seller list. Personally, I will be watching for her astride the winner at the next running of the Kentucky Derby!

Helen M. Housley, senior lecturer in theatre, received her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, College Park. She has been at MWC since 1995.

MWC Professor Shines as Part of International Project

BY ANTOINETTE R. PARKER

Using all sorts of items — a pair of tiny brown slippers, photos of smiling, young faces, golden wedding rings — memories and personalities are thoughtfully captured and stitched onto plush 12-feet-by-12-feet panels.

These pieces of the AIDS Memorial Quilt were created to tell *people stories* that hard numbers could not relay. As two-time director of the NAMES Project display of the entire quilt, which is comprised of more than 40,000 panels, Gregg Stull, chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance, has played a significant role with this international project.

With prior arts management and theater experience, Stull has been involved with the NAMES Project Foundation, the group that sponsors the AIDS Quilt Memorial Project, since the late '80s. He has directed two displays of the entire quilt in Washington, D.C., — once in 1992, when the quilt was roughly 20,000 panels-large, and again in 1996, when the number of panels had doubled.

To prepare for the displaying of the quilt, Stull spent about 18 months working with the quilt's professional staff, located in San Francisco, and the East Coast staff, which is in Washington, D.C. In 1992, the event was on the grounds of the Washington Monument; in 1996, the national mall was the place for the display. Since both sites were federal property, Stull, as director of the events, was in charge of the permitting process. He also helped plan the logistics of displaying the panels, which was no easy task.

In 1996, he says, there were 22,000 four-hour volunteer shifts to fill; people came from all over the world to help. The quilt was laid out according to a pre-planned design, so that spectators could find the panels they had stitched and decorated. Pieces of the quilt were placed on the ground, using a grid made of landscaping fabric, and the grid formed a walkway between the panels.

Stull is modest about his participation with the project. "There were a lot of people involved, and I was just one of many," he says. "The quilt itself is primarily housed in San Francisco and is moved out here for the display, so I sort of managed all of the stuff that happened on the East Coast while the San Francisco staff managed everything up until the time the quilt was packed onto trucks and came here for the display."

In December 2000, 12 panels of the quilt were displayed at MWC, in Lee Hall Ballroom. It was the largest showing of the quilt in College history. "You don't have to see a lot of it for it to make sense to you," Stull says.

Today, he explains, the quilt is primarily used as an outreach and prevention tool.

"It is displayed not only in colleges, but also in high schools and middle schools and community centers and churches because people understand and hopefully can make a difference in their own lives to stop HIV, which continues to be a completely preventable disease."

A 1982 graduate of MWC, Stull has done arts consulting all over the world, with a focus on strategic planning. He also sat on an advisory team at the beginning of the Clinton administration, helping to draft an arts policy document relating to the National Endowment for the Arts.

Stull continues to work as a consultant for the NAMES Project Foundation. Working with the quilt has been a "monumental experience" and a "privilege," he says.

"I think it is one of the most important arts objects and one of the most important arts experiences of my lifetime," he says. "I feel really honored to be able to do this work."

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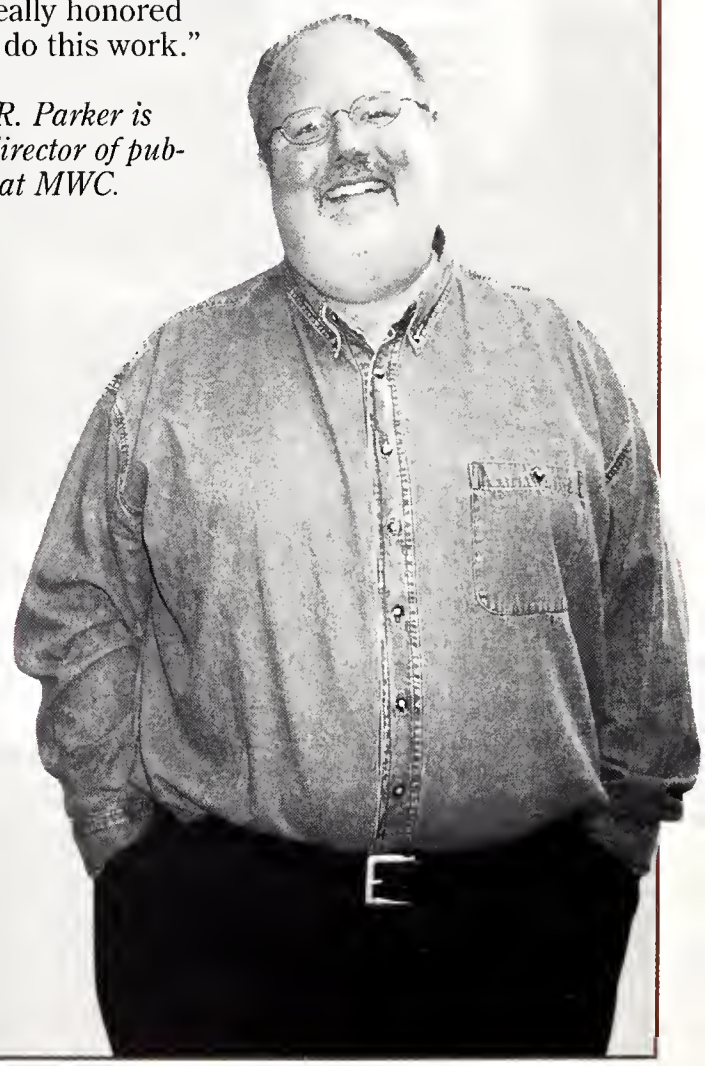

Lynn Munroe Bragg '76

BY CYNTHIA L. SNYDER '75

Lynn Munroe Bragg '76, a current member and past chair of the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC), returned to campus for two days in late March amid junior ring week pranks, gorgeous spring weather one day and a torrential downpour the next. These elements proved to be distractions but not obstacles as Ms. Bragg addressed classes, toured campus, and met with students and faculty as this year's Distinguished Graduate in Residence.

The USITC is an independent, nonpartisan commission that provides trade expertise to Congress as well as to the executive branch of the federal government. Ms. Bragg, a Republican, was appointed by President Clinton to a term on the commission beginning in 1994 and ending in June 2002. The appointment involved a nomination from the president as well as a confirmation hearing and approval by the Senate. She served as vice chair of the commission from August 1996 through June 16, 1998, and as chair from June 17, 1998 through June 16, 2000. The vice chair and chair of the commission are also presidential appointments.

Ms. Bragg received a B.A. in English with final honors from MWC in 1976. She earned a master's degree in public relations/communications from Boston University and began her career in the corporate affairs department of the Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO), in Washington, D.C. She served on the staff of former Sen. Malcolm Wallop, R-Wyo., from 1981 to 1991, beginning as legislative assistant and ultimately moving up to legislative director. Her responsibilities included speechwriting as well as work on energy, tax, and trade issues. Prior to her appointment to the USITC, she served as director of government affairs at the Edison Electric Institute, a trade association representing the investor-owned electric utility industry. In this senior management capacity, she advised member companies on legislative matters relating to fossil fuels and industry structure issues.

Addressing classes including environmental geology, advanced macroeconomics, communications, and magazine writing, Ms. Bragg fielded a broad range of questions from students. "Do we use trade agreements as leverage with other countries?" asked a student in environmental geology. "What is the status of duties on lumber imported from Canada?" asked another. In a Foundations of Communications class, several students asked about her experience as a speechwriter: "Are writing skills and speaking skills two separate sets of abilities?" "How high stress is speechwriting?" "When you write a speech for a politician, how much is your own writing and how much is what he or she wants to say?" "How do you handle differences between your personal views and those of the speaker?"

Ms. Bragg emphasized to the students that her liberal arts background has stood her in good stead throughout her career, enabling her to see the forest as well as the trees, a strength she finds especially valuable in her current role. She also repeatedly credited MWC with preparing her well for the variety of positions and responsibilities she has assumed.

The Alumni Association established the Distinguished Graduate in Residence program to recognize the achievements of outstanding alumni and provide an opportunity for current students and faculty to interact with these accomplished graduates.

Cynthia L. Snyder '75 is director of alumni relations.

MWC: *Publicly Funded?*

BY DONNA HARTER RAAB

Is that your final answer?

It's always fun to watch game shows on television — especially when you know all the answers. Sometimes, though, the obvious answer isn't always the correct one.

Following are a few trivia questions to test your knowledge of Mary Washington College.

1. What year was Mary Washington College originally founded?

ⓐ 1888 ⓑ 1908
ⓒ 1998 ⓓ 1789

2. What is the MWC official mascot?

ⓐ bobcat ⓑ bear
ⓒ eagle ⓓ seagull

3. Where did George Washington visit his mother during her final years?

ⓐ Philadelphia ⓑ Richmond
ⓒ Fredericksburg ⓓ Washington D.C.

4. What year did MWC officially become co-ed, thus admitting both male and female students?

ⓐ 1908 ⓑ never
ⓒ 1970 ⓓ 1998

5. How much of MWC's total budget is supported by state funds?

ⓐ 100% ⓑ 76%
ⓒ 52% ⓓ 37%

Answers:

1(b) Mary Washington College was founded in 1908, but at the time it was called the State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Fredericksburg. The term "and Industrial" was removed in 1914. In 1924, it became simply the State Teachers College at Fredericksburg. The name was officially changed to Mary Washington College in 1938.

2(c) The Board of Visitors voted to approve the eagle as the official College mascot in September 1986. Implementation began shortly after. Prior to that, various MWC sports teams had informally been nicknamed the Blue Tide.

3(c) In 1772, George Washington purchased a house for his mother in Fredericksburg. He came to visit her prior to his inauguration as the first president. Mary Washington died in Fredericksburg in 1789.

4(c) Restrictions on male students were officially removed in February 1970. Twenty-two male students were enrolled during the 1970-71 school year. Today, male students represent approximately 31 percent of student enrollment.

5(d) The state provides only 37 percent of MWC's total budget.

To tell the truth

If you didn't know how much funding Mary Washington College receives from the state, you're not alone. Jeffrey W. Rountree, vice president for college development, says there may be a slight misconception that the state completely supports MWC. "I frequently visit with alumni and business leaders both locally and around the country," says Rountree. "All are interested to know how Mary Washington College is doing, and they love to hear about future plans. When I sometimes mention that we need to procure money for various funds or certain projects, I am often asked why the state doesn't provide for that. When I explain that the state funds only 37 percent of the total budget for MWC, most people are surprised; some are actually shocked."

President William M. Anderson Jr. points out that while most people know Mary Washington College is a public institution and, as such, receives assistance from the Commonwealth of Virginia, few realize these funds are restricted in their use and help support only basic operations of the College. "Private investment and donations from alumni, corporations, foundations and other friends are essential to attain the high levels of excellence in teaching and service for which we are justly renowned," he says.

The price is right

State funds at MWC are generally directed to teaching and academic support programs, as well as to some institutional overhead expenses. Richard V. Hurley, MWC's executive vice president and chief financial officer, says the rest of the College budget comes from tuition, and from fees that students pay for room and board and incidentals. "The fact that we get state support is a good thing," says Hurley, "in that it keeps the cost of education down, compared to what it would be if we had to support College operations on just tuition."

During the past few years, various publications have, in fact, listed MWC as a "best buy" for college-bound students. According to the 2001 edition of *Time/The Princeton Review: The Best College For You*, "Mary Washington College provides many of the amenities of the private schools — small classes, caring and eager professors — at a very affordable price."

The 2001 *Fiske Guide to Colleges* says, "With a first-rate liberal arts education in an intimate environment, Mary Washington College is a smart choice for anyone seeking the most bang for their buck."

These statements are true, and they serve as great endorsements for the College to ultimately attract the most qualified students. However, the same funding that helps keep prices affordable also restricts operations and limits improvements.

Hurley explains, "We do not currently receive discretionary funds from the state, as all public funds are restricted and must be directed to areas as specified. Sometimes there may be other areas that are more critical, but we do not have the power of discretion. We could try to generate more income to fund those other areas, but we are restricted from

doing so. In 1998, the General Assembly and the governor placed a freeze on tuition costs. As operating expenses continue to rise across the campus, our ability to raise additional revenue is limited. This presents a real challenge, to say the least."

Lifelines needed

This is where the Mary Washington College Foundation comes in. Ronald E. Singleton, senior vice president for advancement and college relations, says the Foundation manages three separate types of funds — endowment, Annual Fund and capital projects.

Funds designated for endowment are generally donated in the form of honorary or memorial scholarships, or to support a specific academic program at the College. "Over the past years, private gifts have enabled us to establish a sizable endowment, which now totals nearly $27 million. The College manages this endowment continually," says Dr. Singleton, "and most of the earnings are used to fund scholarships as designated by the donors. Last year, the College awarded just under $1 million from the endowment in the form of scholarships to MWC students."

Annual Fund donations are received from multiple sources including phonathon, mailed-in pledge cards, reunion challenges, corporate matching gift programs, and faculty and staff payroll deductions. Dr. Singleton says the majority of gifts made to the Annual Fund are unrestricted and help supplement the College and Foundation operating budgets. "These include programs to attract and retain faculty members, academic department special needs, alumni programs and publications, and other essential operating expenses of the College. Most prominent of these in recent years is the Arrington Scholarship, which provides full tuition and fees for MWC students who are children of MWC employees," says Singleton. "Unrestricted funds are vital to the College because they help fill some of the gaps in other funding sources, including monies received from the state."

Capital building projects are also supported by private donations to the Foundation. The current campaign to fund the new Alumni Executive Center is a perfect example. Rountree, who is coordinating the AEC campaign, says individuals and corporations utilize various methods to make their gifts. "We are able to receive outright gifts of money, pledges for funds to be paid within five years, gifts of stock and various charitable trusts," says Rountree. "Regardless of the payment method, these funds are restricted and are designated specifically toward the building and furnishing of a specific capital project … which in this case, is the new Alumni Executive Center."

Solving the puzzle

Despite the game show analogies throughout this article, the task of managing the complexities of various monetary funds and their accompanying specifications and restrictions is serious business at Mary Washington College. It involves intricate planning to utilize funds from all available sources, including state and private monies, in a way that is both beneficial and efficient.

At the same time, Dr. Anderson says it's important to keep an eye on the bigger picture and remember the goal. "We are extremely fortunate to receive monetary assistance from the Commonwealth of Virginia to support our academic endeavors at MWC," he says. "I continually lobby members of the General Assembly in Richmond to increase our funding. However, our current 37 percent funding level from the state, and the existing freeze on student tuition, means that we are more dependent than ever on the generosity of alumni, parents, corporations, foundations and other friends. All of our supporters are dedicated to our continued commitment to advance academic quality and student opportunity at Mary Washington College. I want them to know their gifts are being put to good use, and their help is deeply appreciated."

In summary, the "final answer" to Mary Washington College funding questions is that every dollar counts. Whether it comes from the Commonwealth of Virginia or from an anonymous donor, every dollar goes toward educating a new generation and enabling students of all ages to participate in the game of life!

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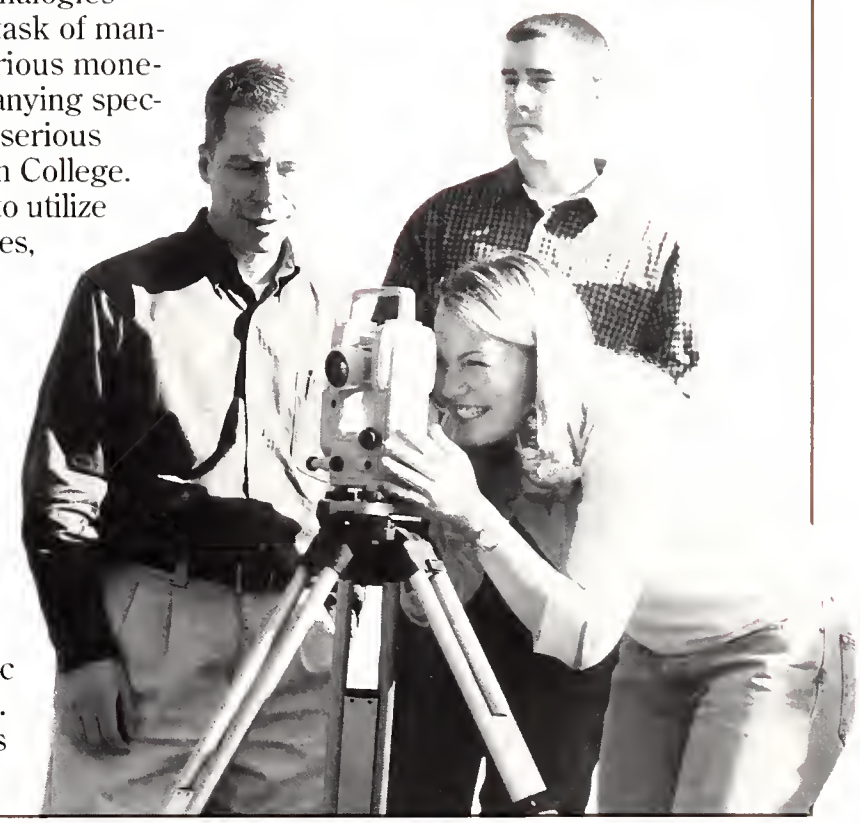


The Leidecker Center For Asian Studies

BY DAVID K. AMBUEL & MEHDI AMINRAZAVI

One of the first things we learned upon joining the MWC faculty in 1992 was the legacy of Professor Kurt F. Leidecker. A teacher, scholar, world traveler, advocate of cross-cultural understanding, and popularizer of Asian philosophies in general and Buddhism in particular, Leidecker was a German immigrant who made the MWC Department of Philosophy, later to become Classics, Philosophy, and Religion, his home.

Unfortunately not destined to meet the master, since he passed on shortly before we joined the faculty, we nevertheless quickly came to feel well acquainted with Professor Leidecker. Aside from his reputation that survived through the stories of colleagues, Leidecker, dedicated to the College, had left his estate to Mary Washington. We both assisted in the cataloging of his books, papers, and collection of Asian art. As specialists in areas of Asian studies, our admiration for Leidecker grew as we became more familiar with his lifetime efforts to promote Asian intellectual thought, culture and spirituality.

Born in Germany in 1902, Kurt Leidecker immigrated to the United States at the age of 18 to attend Oberlin College. He began as a botany major but soon switched to philosophy with the intention of concentrating on Indian philosophy. His first attraction to Asia had grown out of childhood conversations with his grandfather. His interests now well-defined, he continued with graduate studies at the University of Chicago, where he studied philosophy and Sanskrit, writing his Ph.D. dissertation on the *Bhagavad Gita*, in which he related the *Gita*'s philosophical concepts to ideas of the 19th-century German philosopher Hegel.

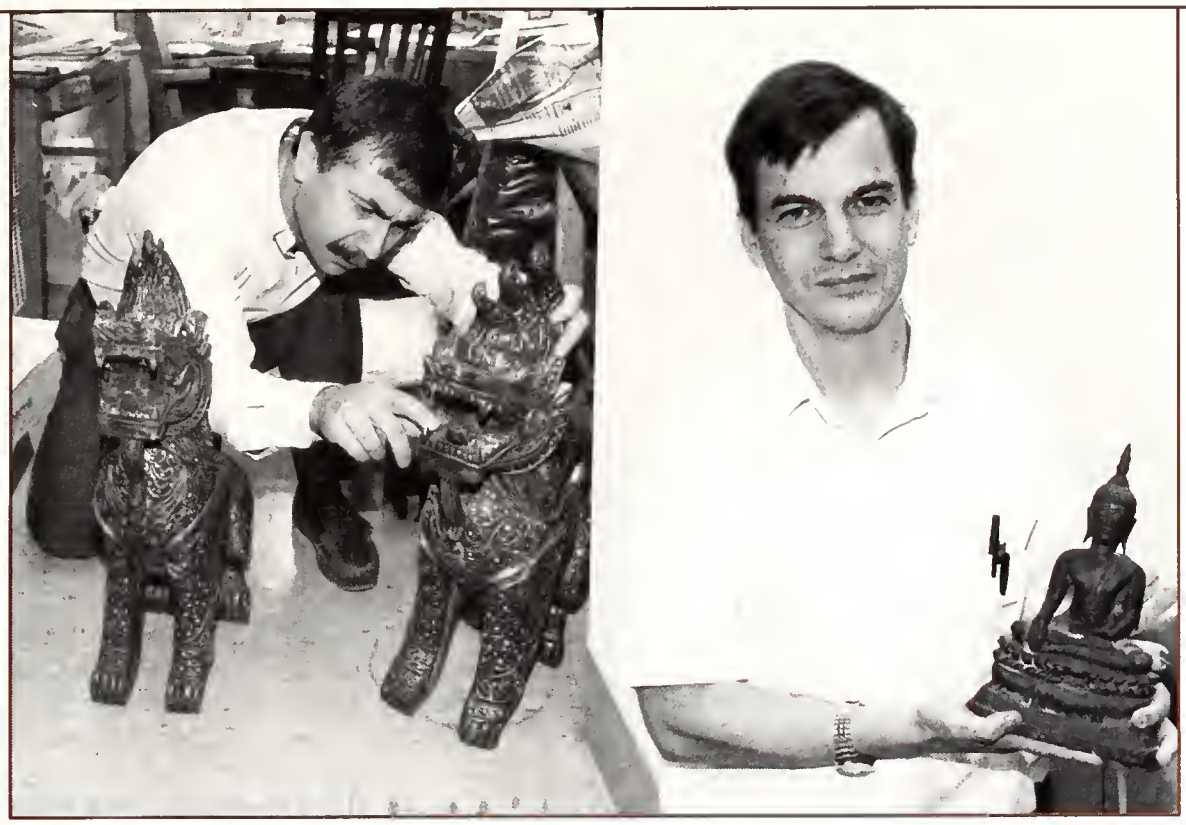
Leidecker came to Mary Washington College in 1948. His activities have given Mary Washington the little-known distinction of being one of the first institutions of higher education in the United States to offer philosophy courses in Asian thought. He brought to the College a love for and knowledge of Asia that were enhanced by two leaves-of-absence: in 1951-52, when he was a Fulbright research scholar in India, and again in 1956-57, which Dr. Leidecker spent in Thailand as a cultural attaché with the United States Information Service. During his time in Bangkok, Leidecker was also associated with Mahachulalongkorn Rajavidyalai, the university where Buddhist monks receive training.

In a 1988 photo, Dr. Kurt Leidecker stood in front of his fireplace in Thornley House.

In his many years of service to Mary Washington College, Dr. Leidecker not only taught Asian philosophy and religion, but worked to develop Asian studies in general, was friend and mentor to foreign students, and advised and set up a program for pre-foreign service students. Now, even a decade after his passing, Dr. Leidecker's personal touch extends to far corners: as a 1999-2000 Fulbright scholar in Thailand, David Ambuel by chance met Temduang Chaturachinda (Kovindha), a 1964 MWC graduate, who fondly remembers Dr. Leidecker's kindness and who continued to correspond with him until his death.

So, knowing Kurt Leidecker's story, we were excited for the opportunity to develop and expand Professor Leidecker's original vision. This occurred in 1998, when President William M. Anderson Jr. and the Board of Visitors, decided, in accordance with Professor Leidecker's will, to establish a Chair in Asian studies. We were appointed to be co-holders of the Chair, and we began working immediately to make plans. Among the first actions was to propose the creation of a center called The Leidecker Center for Asian Studies to coordinate and support interdisciplinary study of Asia, promote academic and cultural exchange, and increase awareness of Asia and its place in the world. The Center was officially established in the spring of 1999. From a base in Professor Leidecker's former Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion, faculty members across campus with interest and expertise in Asian studies were contacted and meetings were held to define and plan for implementing the mission of the Center. Now, in its second year of existence, the Center has already organized and sponsored many events, among them the following:

- "Tibetan Buddhism," lecture by Lama Kalsang Gyaltsen, spiritual director of Sakya Phuntsok Ling Center for Tibetan Buddhist Studies and Meditation, March 22, 1999



Dr. Mehdi Aminrazavi (left) examines temple guardian lions which came from Thailand. Dr. David Ambuel (right) holds a bronze Thai Buddha image the College inherited from Dr. Leidecker.

- Introduction to Tai Chi workshop by Patinya Ambuel, April 21, 1999
- Support for student field trip to visit the Asian collection at the Freer Art Gallery, April 24, 1999
- "Chinese Military," lecture by Bates Gill, April 26, 1999
- "Indian Women: Some Emerging Issues," lecture by Purnima Mathur, professor emeritus, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, India, Sept. 20, 1999
- "An Evening of Sacred Dance" with the Nuns of Khachoe Ghakyil Ling of Nepal, Oct. 14, 1999
- "Indian Classical Dance" by Meena Telikicherla, Nov. 4, 1999
- "A Roundtable Discussion on the Presidential Elections in Taiwan and U.S.-China-Taiwan Relations, Feb. 26, 2000. The Center brought the following individuals to MWC for a one-day conference: Leonard Chao, director of public affairs for the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office, Taiwan's unofficial embassy; Shelley Rigger, associate professor, Davidson College; Cheng Tun-jen, professor, William & Mary; Stephen Yates, senior researcher, The Heritage Foundation; Dr. Lai I-Chung, executive director of the DPP Mission in the United States; and Tung Chen-yuan, Ph.D. candidate, Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Elizabeth Freund of MWC hosted and chaired the roundtable.
- "God in the Third Millennium?" a one-day conference at MWC, March 21, 2000, with the following speakers: Dov Nelkin, University of Virginia; K. Srinivas, University of Pondicherri, India; C. Edwards, Virginia Commonwealth University; Drs. David Cain, James Goehring, Craig Vasey and Mehdi Aminrazavi of MWC
- "India: A Welcomed Assault on the Senses," lecture by J. Bonnano, April 17, 2000
- "Exploring Western Buddhism: A Conversation with Ven. Löpon Claude d'Estrée," Buddhist chaplain at George Mason University, April 19, 2000
- "Democratization in Taiwan," lecture by Dr. Lai I-Chung, executive director of the Democratic Progressive Party of Taiwan, Nov. 17, 2000
- The Center co-sponsored the annual meeting of the Virginia Consortium for Asian Studies, organized Feb. 10, 2001 at MWC by Professor Elizabeth Freund
- The Center provided support for members of the Asian Students Association to attend the Asian Students Leadership Conference in New York, spring 2001

The Center also encourages development of courses on Asia and advises students with interests in Asia, including planning a special major in Asian Studies. Still in its infancy, the Center hopes that it has already brought Asia closer to the hearts and minds of the College community.

It is, however, only a beginning. The future promises to see more and varied projects. Once the renovation of Combs Hall has been completed, the Leidecker Center will finally gain an office and headquarters in Trinkle Hall. Though it will be shared space, the office will give the Center a real home and provide a place to work with students more extensively. Professor Ambuel has even brought back from Asia some culturally representative and instructive artwork for the Center offices.

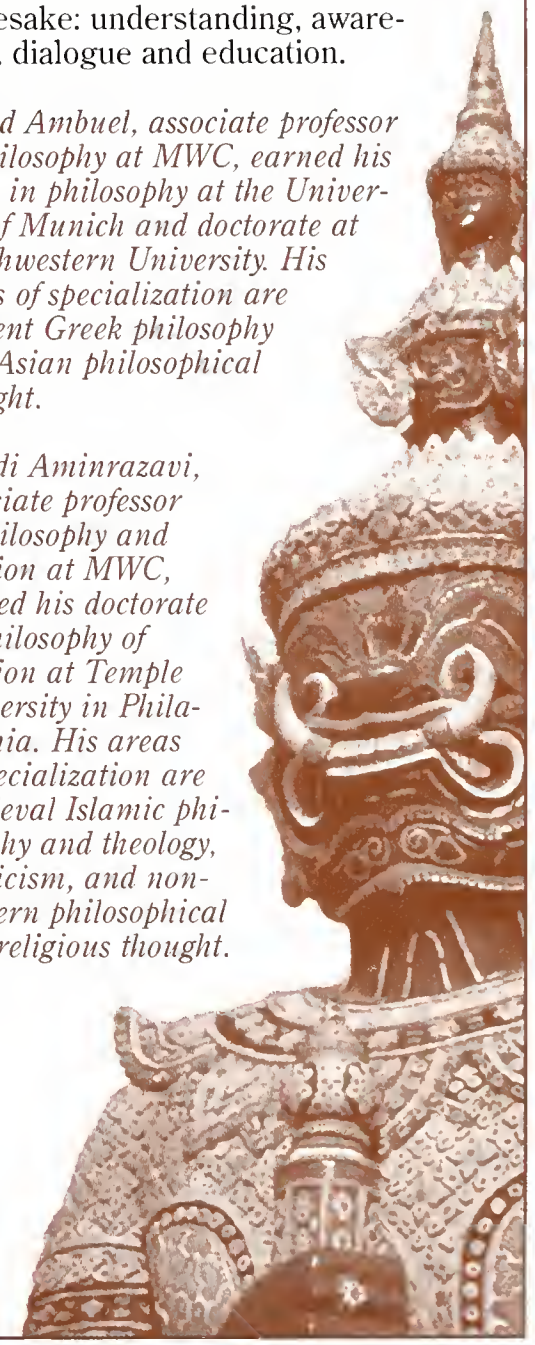
We are in the process of studying the possibility of introducing new courses on Asia into our curriculum, including an interdisciplinary "Introduction to Asian Studies." We can expect an increasing number of students wishing to develop a concentration or even a special major in Asian Studies. The ongoing program of inviting distinguished guests for lectures, workshops, seminars and conferences will be expanded and further diversified. Spring 2002, for example, will see a major conference on "Civil Society — East and West."

In addition, the Center is in the initial stages of developing, with the assistance of the international office, a student exchange program that will allow Mary Washington students to spend a semester or a year in Thailand and bring their Thai counterparts to Fredericksburg.

Further such possibilities for involving the Mary Washington students and community in the intellectual and cultural adventure of Asia are limitless. But all serve alike to promote goals that The Leidecker Center for Asian Studies shares with its namesake: understanding, awareness, dialogue and education.

David Ambuel, associate professor of philosophy at MWC, earned his M.A. in philosophy at the University of Munich and doctorate at Northwestern University. His areas of specialization are ancient Greek philosophy and Asian philosophical thought.

Mehdi Aminrazavi, associate professor of philosophy and religion at MWC, earned his doctorate in philosophy of religion at Temple University in Philadelphia. His areas of specialization are medieval Islamic philosophy and theology, mysticism, and non-Western philosophical and religious thought.



Fredericksburg Forum:

BY JESSICA A. LANDERS '01

James Carville

John Sununu

Many of us, as we're growing up, are told there are three things you should never talk about in public, or with "mixed company." They are: politics, sex and religion. This spring's Fredericksburg Forum managed to have a hearty helping of all three. There was general excitement in the air, almost as though, in addition to coming for entertainment, education and enlightenment, we had all come seeking a good fight. The evening was billed as "A Political View From Inside Washington," but we all knew the participants were definitely going to have opposing views of our nation's capital.

James Carville and John Sununu joined the packed Dodd Auditorium, along with moderator Louise Seals, managing editor of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, on Wednesday, April 4. Sununu served three consecutive terms as governor of New Hampshire prior to his appointment as chief of staff under former President George H. Bush's administration. Carville, one of America's best known political consultants, was chief strategist for Clinton's 1992 campaign for president.

Mary Matalin had originally been scheduled to appear along with her husband, Carville, but was unable to attend. She is subject to restrictions on her speaking engagements because of her position as communications director for Vice President Dick Cheney.

While Carville and Sununu did not exactly have the sparks of a politically opposed married couple, they managed to come awfully close.

The evening began with an opening presentation by Carville, whom Sununu dubbed equivalent to a "warm-up comedian." In their introductory remarks, both men placed themselves firmly within their political realm.

Carville, the liberal voice in the program, implored the audience to be motivated and become involved in politics. Sununu, the conservative voice, stressed the importance of not throwing everything into "the federal blender."

Carville's opening remarks included his interpretation of the changes taking place in our government with the new, more conservative, federal leadership. While maintaining a respectful distance, Carville called attention to President Bush's plans to cut funding for the environment, transportation and health care.

Sununu's response included the statement that "It's awfully nice to be in Virginia, where most of you know the right thing to do." (It was interesting to take note of the partisan applause coming from the audience.) Sununu explained that, in his opinion, we are looking at a transition from a commercially driven set of foreign relations, and that our country cannot go around to the rest of the world saying, "We're here to solve your problems."

Ms. Seals asked Carville about his public defense of Clinton during the Lewinsky scandal, to which Carville responded, "I didn't defend the act, I defended the man." He later said, "I have a much easier time forgiving someone for being warm-blooded than I do for being cold-hearted."

As both men are Catholic, Ms. Seals asked Carville what it means when he says he is a "Cultural Catholic." Carville explained that he believes in tradition and that he also believes we should take care of our children, our parents, and other people.

The evening continued with discussion of our air transport system, campaign finance reform, and the problems with money and power in our cur-

Carville and Sununu

rent federal government. Both men expressed concern about political corruption in Washington, as well as apathy on the part of voters that may be keeping good people out of the political system.

Ms. Seals mentioned the suggestion of an audience member to have a "none of the above" box on ballots. Sununu said "I am a believer in the two-party system," and added, "We're better as a nation for having made a mistake occasionally." Carville retorted, "We don't have to have a ballot to satisfy your cynicism." He added, "Don't burden us with any of your idiotic and stupid ideas. I don't like the idea."

The audience laughter continued throughout the program, interspersed with the serious discussion of political policies. Both men said they have been criticized primarily in response to their position. Sununu explained that the chief of staff's position includes being the brunt of criticism. Carville concurred, explaining that in taking his role as Democratic political consultant, he put himself in a position to be attacked.

The program concluded with both Carville and Sununu explaining that our political system of checks and balances produces argument, and that people will inevitably disagree as to what is the "right thing." Sununu, however, offered a bit of hope. "We ought to understand how magical the system is. It's us. It's a process that's unbelievable." He added, "Don't try to make fundamental changes to [our political system]. The rest of the world is trying to plagiarize it."

Jessica A. Landers '01 majored in English at MWC and was a student aide in the Office of College Relations.

The End of an Era

BY CLINT OFTEN

Gallahan Retires from Coaching; Moves to James Monroe Center

After coaching the women's basketball team at Mary Washington College for nearly a quarter century, Connie Gallahan has coached her final game for the Eagles. Gallahan, who this season became the 23rd coach in NCAA Division III history to earn 300 victories, has just assumed a position as a faculty adviser at the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies.

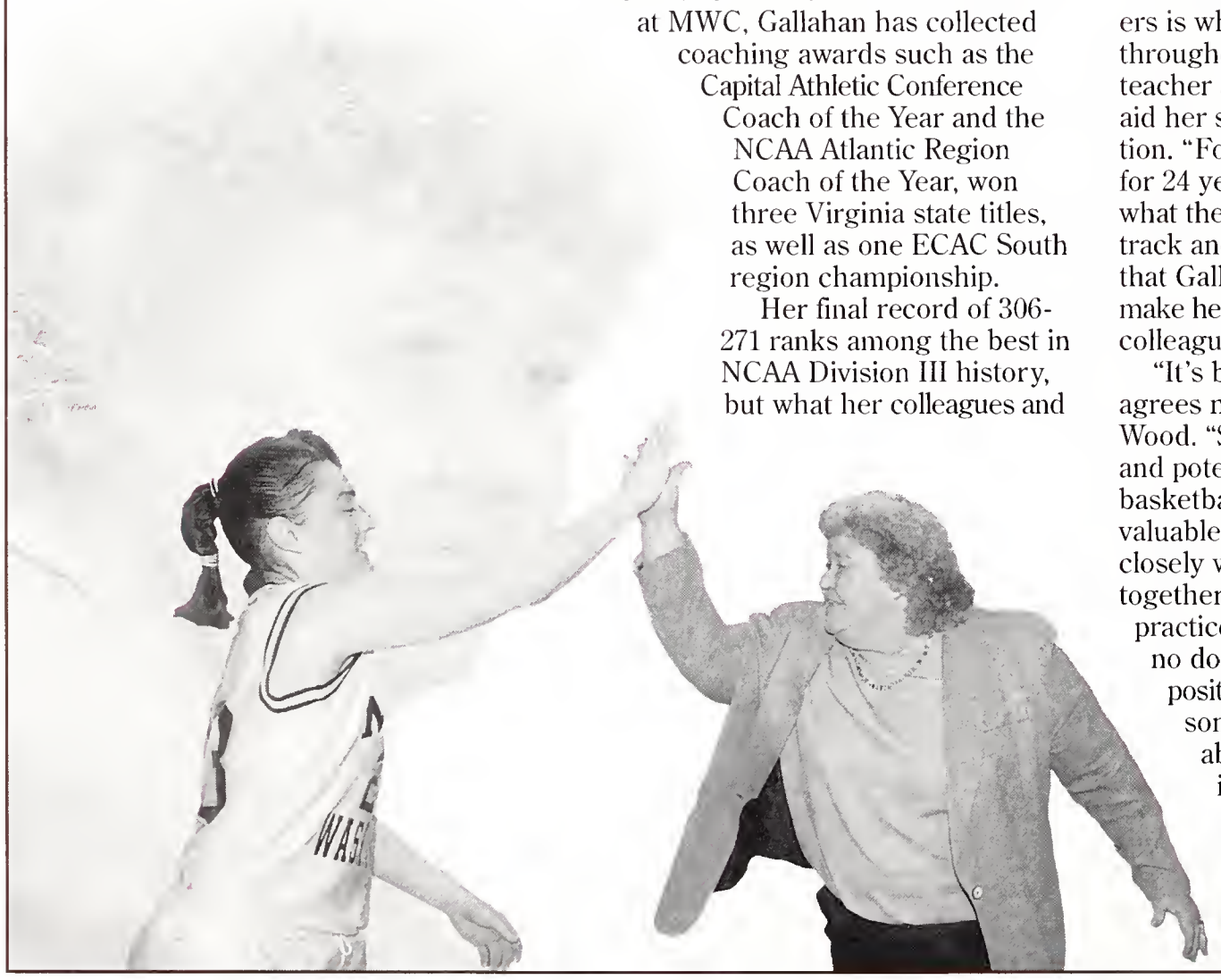
A native of Fredericksburg, Gallahan graduated from Longwood College with a health and physical education degree in 1967, and then received her master of science degree in health, physical education, and recreation from the University of Tennessee. She arrived on the scene at MWC in 1977 after coaching and teaching for seven years at Virginia Intermont College. For her first 10 years in Fredericksburg, she coached both volleyball and basketball. Her volleyball squads posted a 215-113 record and won two ECAC championships, succeeding in much the same manner as her basketball teams have.

Her basketball squads have proven to be among the winningest in Virginia college history, with her 1993-94 and 1997-98 teams advancing to the NCAA Tournament. Over the course of her tenure at MWC, Gallahan has collected coaching awards such as the Capital Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and the NCAA Atlantic Region Coach of the Year, won three Virginia state titles, as well as one ECAC South region championship.

Her final record of 306-271 ranks among the best in NCAA Division III history, but what her colleagues and former players will remember is her caring personality and fondness for all of MWC's athletic programs. "Connie has always been someone who's been concerned about all the programs here," says Matt Kinney, swimming coach. "She's always asking how things are going, and is very encouraging to all the coaches."

That benevolent attitude toward others is what has characterized Gallahan throughout her tenure as coach and teacher at MWC, and will undoubtedly aid her success in her new MWC position. "For anyone to remain successful for 24 years, it's obvious that they enjoy what they're doing," says cross country/track and field coach Stan Soper, adding that Gallahan's personable nature will make her a popular figure among her new colleagues and students as well.

"It's been fun working with Connie," agrees men's basketball coach, Rod Wood. "She taught me the ins and outs and potential pitfalls in coaching college basketball. Her experience has been invaluable to me." Wood worked very closely with Gallahan, as they traveled together on away trips and shared gym practice time on a daily basis. He has no doubt she will thrive in her new position. Wood continued, "As personable and open and knowledgeable about the system as Connie is, I know she'll be as good if not better in her new position."



Clint Often is sports information director at MWC.

Civil Rights Leader Named MWC's First Visiting Professor in Human Rights

Former ambassador to the United Nations and civil rights leader Andrew Young was named the first James Farmer Visiting Professor in Human Rights at Mary Washington College.

Young was in residence at the College and delivered the inaugural address on Friday, April 20. Young met with several classes and student groups during his one-day visit to the College. His public lecture was delivered at 4 p.m. in George Washington Hall's Dodd Auditorium. After the lecture, a bust of Dr. Farmer was unveiled on Campus Walk.

Andrew Young told students meeting in Virginia Hall's parlor that James Farmer was staging sit-ins in the 1940s. long before sit-ins gained national attention.

Andrew Young and James Farmer on the Dodd Auditorium stage in 1986.

The Visiting Professorship in Human Rights was established in memory of Dr. James Farmer, who served as Distinguished Professor of History and American Studies at the College until his retirement in 1998. Dr. Farmer passed on in 1999. Young visited Mary Washington College in early 1986 as a guest speaker in a lecture series organized by Dr. Farmer.

Young is an ordained minister, international businessman, human rights activist, published author and former public servant. He served three terms (1972-77) in the United States House of Representatives as the first black Congressman elected from the South since Reconstruction.

As a supporter of Jimmy Carter's 1976 run for the White House, Young gave the seconding speech for Carter's nomination at the Democratic National Convention. When Carter became president, Young was named and unanimously confirmed as ambassador to the United Nations. Young resigned his post at the United Nations in 1979 and became the mayor of Atlanta in 1981.

In 1994, President Bill Clinton appointed Young as chairman of the Southern Africa Enterprise Development Fund, a privately managed fund to provide equity to businesses in 11 countries.

He currently is the chairman of the Atlanta-based GoodWorks International, a consulting group offering strategic services to organizations operating in the global economy.

Young also serves as a public affairs professor of policy studies at Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, and as president of the National Council of Churches.

Andrew Young talked informally in Virginia Hall.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Mehdi Aminrazavi, associate professor of religion and philosophy, presented a paper titled "Modern Sufi Literature and the Dilemma of Post-Modernism" at the 10th International Conference on Philosophy and Literature in Nimegen, Holland.

Bulent I. Atalay, professor of physics, gave the keynote speeches at the Johns Hopkins Institute for the Academic Advancement of Youth, held at Mary Washington College and the Johns Hopkins Institute. He has been the keynote speaker to these groups for the past three years. He also chaired an international conference in Seoul, Korea, on "Symmetry in Its Various Aspects: Search for Order in the Universe." In addition, Dr. Atalay was the guest of the Technical University of Malaysia in Johor Bahru, Malaysia, where he presented seminars to the physics and chemistry departments and delivered a general talk to the entire university community. He also was the enrichment lecturer — giving talks on art, archaeology and astrophysics — on board the Silverseas ship *The Wind* as it cruised around the Aegean ports of Turkey and Greece.

Wendy Atwell-Vasey, assistant professor of education, received a 2000 American Educational Studies Association Critic's Choice Award for her book, *Nourishing Words: Bridging Private Reading and Public Teaching.*

James E. Baker, distinguished professor of music and conductor of the College-Community Symphony Orchestra, was a guest conductor with the Pazardjik Philharmonie in Pazardjik, Bulgaria, in October. Dr. Baker led the Pazardjik Philharmonie in a concert of all-American music. Dr. Baker was invited back to Pazardjik as a guest conductor in January and June of 2001. In addition, Dr. Baker has been guest-conducting in Bulgaria, Poland and the Czech Republic for several years. He currently has conducting commitments abroad through October 2001.

Jack Bales, reference and humanities librarian, was featured on the radio program "With Good Reason," on the topic of writer and editor Willie Morris. Bales discussed a fan letter to Morris that was the beginning of a close friendship which led to Bales' publication of *Conversations with Willie Morris.*

Rosemary Barra, professor of biology, has recently completed a one-year term as president of the Virginia Academy of Science.

Meta R. Braymer, vice president for graduate and professional studies and dean of James Monroe Center faculty, was appointed vice chair of communications for the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Gail D. Brooks, associate professor of computer technology, gave a workshop

Carole B. Corcoran

presentation titled "Information System Survival School" at the 23rd National Information Systems Security Conference. The workshop was designed to help managers come up to speed on the significance of computer and network attacks that are directed at computer systems.

Carole B. Corcoran, professor of psychology, has been appointed chair of the Standing Committee on Continuing Education-Teaching Workshop and Walsh Funds for the Society for the Psychology of Women, Division 35, the fourth largest division of the American Psychological Association. In addition, Dr. Corcoran is the author of several recent works, including "The complex task of assessing trauma history: Data from two instrument development studies" in the *International Handbook of Human Response to Trauma,* and "Single and multiple event exposure: Overlapping traumas and outcomes in a screening sample" in *The Journal of Traumatic Stress.* Dr. Corcoran also made presentations at several conferences. At the annual Southeastern Psychological Association Conference, she presented poster projects on "Interdisciplinary perspectives on the effects of repeated account-making of sexual assault experiences" and "Pedagogy, marginality and research on teaching evaluation bias." Dr. Corcoran was also a co-chair of the 12th Annual Psychology of Women Institute, 108th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association.

Stephen J. Farnsworth, assistant professor of political science, is the author of an article titled "Federal Frustration, State Satisfaction? Voters and Decentralized Governmental Power" in *Publius: The Journal of Federalism.* Dr. Farnsworth presented a paper titled "The Manchester Union Leader's Influence in the 1996 New Hampshire Republican Primary," (co-authored with S. Robert Litcher) at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association. In addition, Dr. Farnsworth has been elected to the executive board of Pi Sigma Alpha, the 500-chapter national political science honor society. Dr. Farnsworth has served as adviser of the College's chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha since 1996. In the past four years, Mary Washington students have won four national awards for excellence in political science writing from the honor society, more than any other college or university in the country. Three of the four winning student papers were prepared under Dr. Farnsworth's direction.

Erin H. Fouberg, assistant professor of geography, had her second book, *Tribal Territory, Sovereignty, and Governance: A Study of the Cheyenne River and Lake Traverse Indian Reservations*, published by Garland Press. Dr. Fouberg also was the author of an article written with Robert H. Watrel in the spring 2000 issue of *Great Plains Research*, titled "The Electoral Geography of the Northern Great Plains: No Need for an East Dakota and West Dakota."

James F. Gaines, professor of French, is the author of a review of Emmanuel Bury's *Le Classicisme* in *Cahiers du dix-septieme.* He also is the author of "Moliere, La Fontaine and Authority," in *Papers on French Seventeenth-Century Literature.* In addition, Dr. Gaines has been elected president of the Riverside Writers, an association of free-lance writers in the Fredericksburg area.

James M. Harding, assistant professor of English, is the editor of *Contours of the Theatrical Avant-Garde, Performance*

and Textuality. The book was published by The University of Michigan Press in July 2000.

Alan G. Heffner, professor of leadership and management and MBA program director at the James Monroe Center, participated in a focus group conducted by Educational Testing Services Inc. ETS invited representatives from 10 MBA-granting institutions around the country to discuss the possible development of a standardized outcomes assessment for MBA programs. In addition, Heffner has completed revising the third edition of *Leadership, Management, and Diversity*, a book he co-edited and was published January 2001 through McGraw-Hill's Custom Book division.

Michael J. Joyce, professor of theatre, and Robert E. Ingham (since deceased) had their book, *Ay ile Yari's & Racing with the Moon* published in May of 2000.

Margaret A. Klayton-Mi, associate professor of business administration, gave a presentation titled "Business Strategies for China" at the Western Decision Sciences Institute meeting in Maui, Hawaii. In addition, Dr. Klayton-Mi and Patricia Lacey Metzger (who passed on in 2000) wrote "Working: A Balancing Act for U.S. and Japanese Women" which appeared in the fall 2000 issue of *The Virginia Review of Asian Studies.*

David J. Long, professor of music, has been chosen as an ASCAPLU$ Standard Award recipient by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. This award is granted by an independent panel and is based upon the recipient's original compositions, as well as recent performances of those works.

Robert L. McConnell, professor of environmental science and geology, is a co-author of *Issues in Oceanography*, which was published by Prentice Hall.

John H. Reynolds, professor of computer science, presented the paper "Two Shared-Memory Tools: SMS and Linda" at the Sixteenth Annual Eastern Small College Computing Conference, held in October at the University of Scranton. The paper also was published in the *Proceedings of ESCCC-00.*

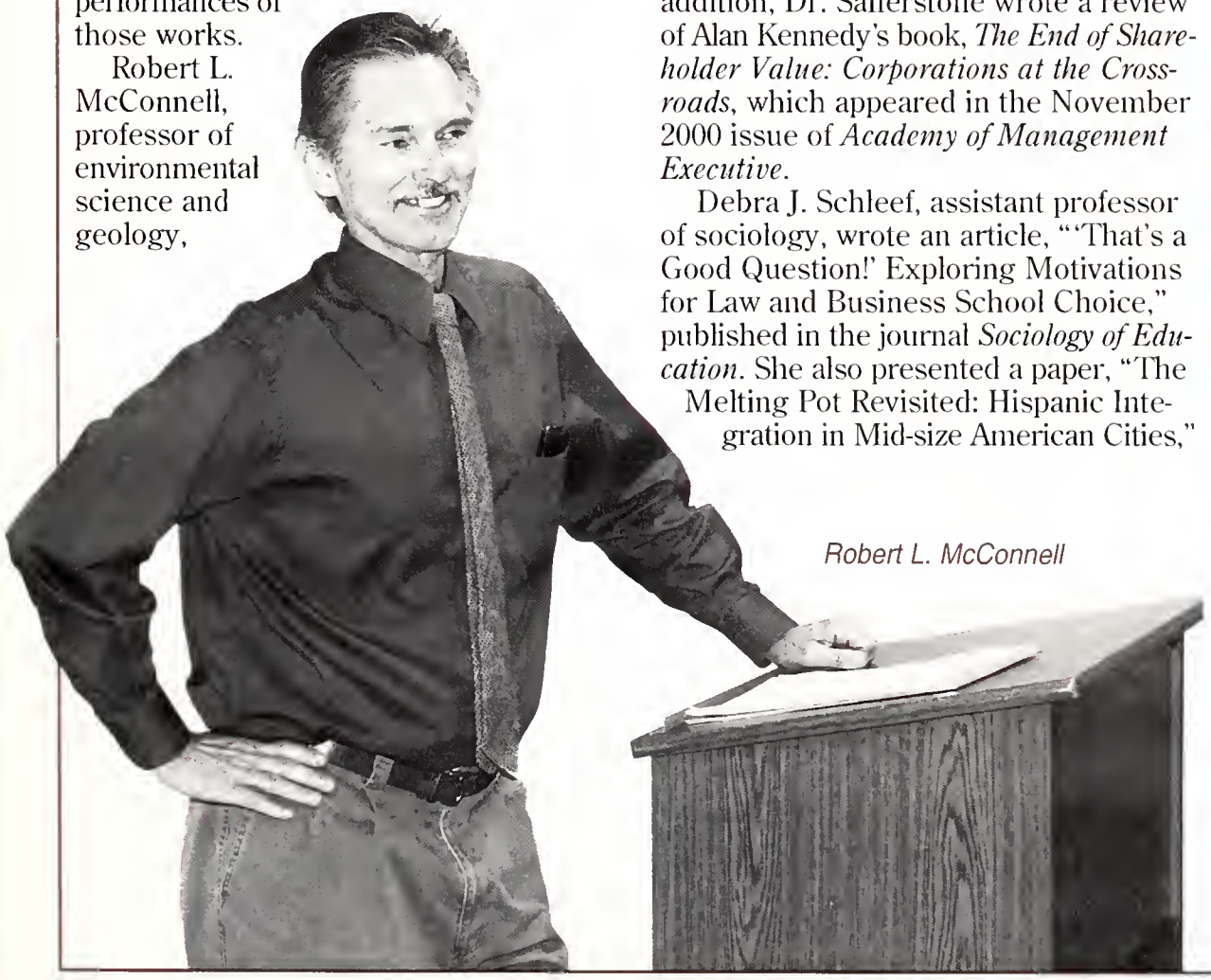
Daniel Preston, visiting research professor and editor of *The Papers of James Monroe*, is the author of *A Comprehensive Catalogue of the Correspondence and Papers of James Monroe.* Volumes I and II were published by Greenwood Press last fall.

Mark J. Safferstone, associate dean of the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, conducted a workshop for 70 senior federal executives, MBTI — Implications for Government Leadership, at the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Va. He also co-wrote a white paper titled "Management Development Framework for Supervisors." This research-based paper was written for the University of South Florida's College of Public Health, the Center for Leadership in Public Health Practice and the Florida Department of Health's (FDH) Office of Performance Improvement and will serve as the basis for the development of FDH's supervisory, management, and executive development initiative. Dr. Safferstone also created a virtual academic annotated anthology of current information technology articles titled *Powerweb: Information Technology* published by Dushkin/McGraw Hill. In addition, Dr. Safferstone wrote a review of Alan Kennedy's book, *The End of Shareholder Value: Corporations at the Crossroads*, which appeared in the November 2000 issue of *Academy of Management Executive.*

Debra J. Schleef, assistant professor of sociology, wrote an article, "'That's a Good Question!' Exploring Motivations for Law and Business School Choice," published in the journal *Sociology of Education.* She also presented a paper, "The Melting Pot Revisited: Hispanic Integration in Mid-size American Cities," at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association.

Michele L. Swers, assistant professor of political science, was featured on the radio program "With Good Reason," on the topics of last year's elections and women in congress.

Mary F. Yudin, assistant professor of Spanish, presented a paper titled "The Discourse of Modernity in the Theater of Gertrudis Gómez de Avellaneda" at the South Central Modern Language Association conference held in San Antonio, Texas.



Robert L. McConnell

Belmont Hosts First Saturday

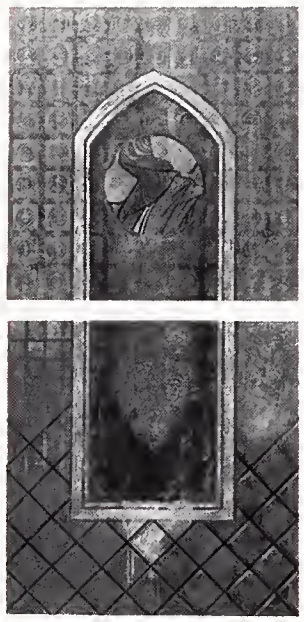
Belmont, the Gari Melchers Estate and Memorial Gallery, a historic property administered by MWC, hosted a "First Saturday in the Garden" event in March. "First Saturdays in the Garden" is a program organized to involve the general public in horticulture and provide a spotlight for some of the many wonderful garden attractions in the Fredericksburg area.

The focus of the first program was "Nature in the Garden" with a variety of outdoor programs appealing to both children and adults. Participants learned about bugs and worms and how to make a decorative birdfeeder. They were also able to see a Blue Orchard Bee demonstration.

John Temple, assistant professor of biology, was on hand with several live snakes, to discuss local reptiles and snakes you might find in your garden. Andrew Dolby, assistant professor of biology at the College, gave a slide-illustrated lecture highlighting Virginia birds. Native plant specialists were also there, and area master gardeners hosted a plant clinic to give advice on preparing gardens for spring.

There's art in the process, they say

BY ANTOINETTE R. PARKER



In quiet, dimly lit duPont Gallery, for one month in winter, MWC Art Professor Joseph Di Bella's mixed-media pieces provided a window into Italy. The artwork, which represented varied aspects of Italian culture, looked almost sacred — as displayed art often does. Two exhibit-goers were surprised as a student explained that while still works-in-progress, to give them an "aged" look, the artist sometimes walked on the series of paintings titled "Palermitano" — just one of many surprise techniques Di Bella used to create the pieces that went into his first one-man show in 20 years.

Although previous opportunities for showing his work existed, a full schedule, which included time spent as chair of the Art Department and as MWC's "first gallery director" (see "*College Galleries* ..." in our winter 1996 issue for more information), did not allow him the focus needed to produce a set of works to exhibit. Still a busy man — the art professor teaches a full course load during the academic year, as well as a summer session in Urbino, Italy, with MWC Professor of Italian Clavio Ascari — Di Bella managed to create a fascinating exhibit for his 2001 show, which began in January and ended Feb. 11. Themes for the pieces originated from a blend of cultural influences — Italian, Middle Eastern, Roman and Greek — which make up his ethnic heritage, and all of which had some impact on Italian culture.

In the series called "Palermitano" — Italian for "one from Palermo" — Di Bella created paintings representative of the cultural and ethnic blends found in that Italian city. The square paintings are divided down the middle, with each half in opposition to the other side — one half may contain sweeping curves and circles while the other is marked by sharp angles and edges. A separate arch, symbolic of the domed structures atop mosques, is placed above each painting. Each dome relays aspects contained in each of the opposing sides — shared colors, curves, and angles — creating a synthesis for the halves in the paintings below. Di Bella explained that the bottom two are like the mother and father while the dome is the child. These are the paintings that he walked on, to give them the "feel" of old Italian architecture.

The "mosaic tiles" in the series "Finestra" — "Window" — are actually bits of broken, painted eggshells. To prepare the eggshells for incorporation into the painting, Di Bella had to remove the egg membrane, and wash the shells in a chlorine bleach and water solution. He put glue onto the wood base, then put down pieces of eggshells. Breaking them after they were on the wood created a natural relation between the pieces of shell, he says, but it left gaps in places. He used tweezers to move the shells around, to close the spaces. He then covered the shells — which were on a frame made of balsa wood to facilitate their transport to and from Italy — with a mixture that included dry pigment and glue. Then he sanded the glue until the eggshells reappeared. It was only then that he painted the shells.

Other pieces in the display included computer-generated works, which Di Bella combined with the more traditional mediums of paints, pastels and colored pencils. These enormous works include themes from *Dante's Inferno*, and were created as part of a research grant given to the Art Department in the 1990s. Looking closely at one of the pieces, gallery-goers could find the incorporation of scanned fragments from "Raft of the Medusa," a painting by French artist Jean Louis Andre Theodore Gericault, and pieces of the painting "Hell," by Dutch artist Hieronymus Bosch. In all of the works in that series, Di Bella also incorporated quotes from *Dante*.

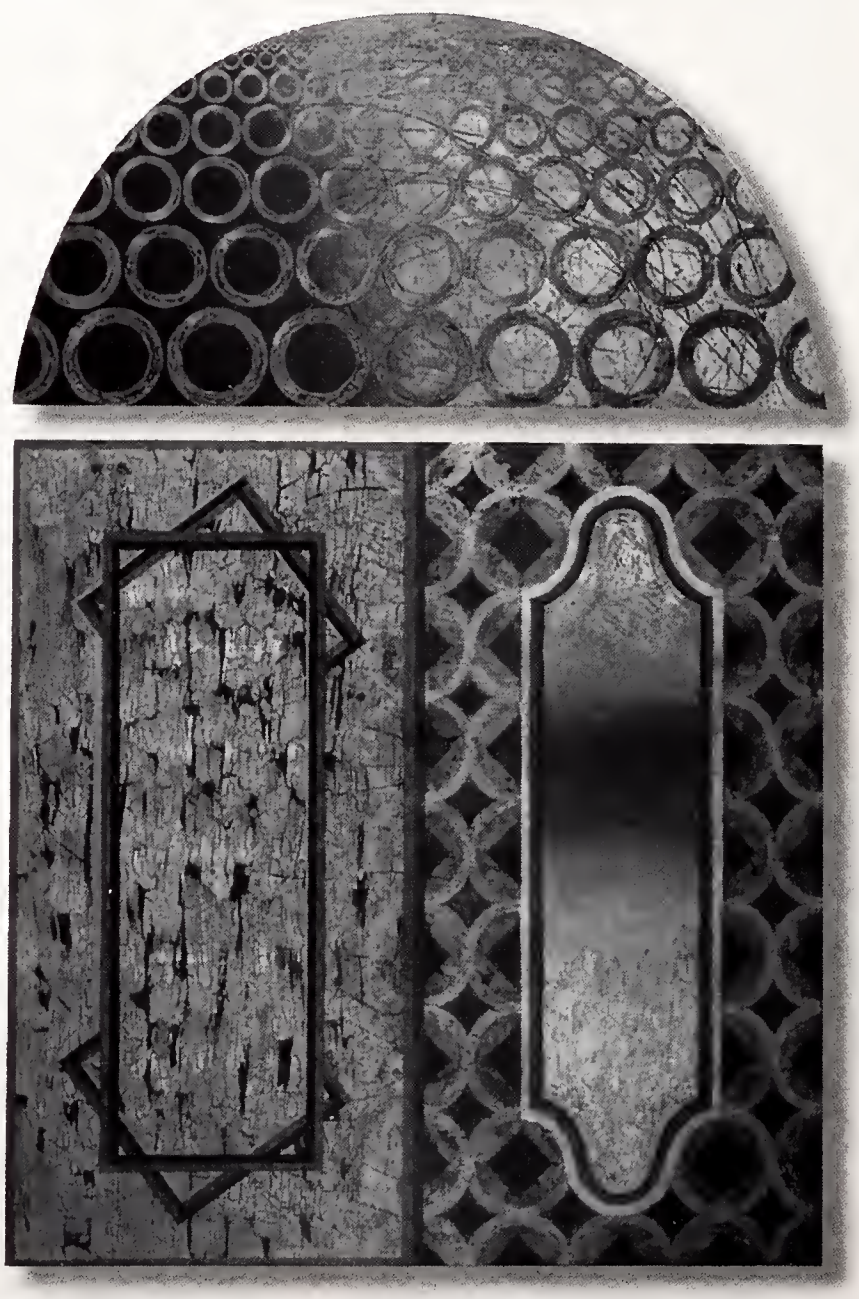
Professor Di Bella says while creating the pieces, he did not have a concrete idea as to what the end results would be. But *that*, he said, is just one aspect of creating art.

"You don't just illustrate an idea," he explained, "The process *is* the idea."

Some pieces from the show will be on display at Di Bella's solo exhibit at the Phoenix Gallery in New York City, June 13-July 7.

Left: Mihrab III, *acrylic, egg tempera and mixed media on wood panels*

Below: Palermitano II, *acrylic and mixed media on wood panels*



James Ukrop Executive-in-Residence

BY TERESA JOERGER '01

When he was in college, James Ukrop briefly considered becoming an architect, but soon realized that he wanted to continue his career at his father's grocery store, where he had been working since he was 14. He wanted to make sure he chose a career he would love.

"Don't do something for a lot of money or power, do something where you enjoy going to work every day," he told a group of Mary Washington College students during a visit to the College in November 2000. "If you're good at it, money and power will come later. If not, at least you will still like going to work everyday."

Ukrop, now the chairman of Ukrop's Super Markets Inc., was at MWC as Executive-in-Residence. The program provides students and faculty with the opportunity to interact with well-known and established business leaders. Ukrop feels lucky that his family had a career waiting for him when he graduated from William and Mary. His father had left his job as a meat manager at A&P in 1937 to open his own grocery store, which was only 15 feet by 30 feet. After graduation, Ukrop convinced his dad to open a second store. Today the company consists of 27 Ukrop's supermarkets in Richmond, one in Williamsburg and one in Fredericksburg.

This small family business achieved success by being responsive to the needs of the customers. "Dad always put customers first," he said. "[One quarter] he realized that he had made too much money, so he sold items at cost during the next quarter. The prices attracted more business, but he didn't have any idea that was what he was doing. He just wanted to give back to the community."

Although Ukrop's Super Markets has experienced nothing but success, its goal is not to be the biggest, but the best. "We enjoy doing new things," Ukrop explained. "It's nice to be able to put your arms around a business. As you get larger and larger, it's harder to be innovative. Once you spread out so far, you become like everyone else."

So instead of spreading out, the company has grown from within. One recent innovation came in the form of an offer Ukrop just couldn't refuse. A bank in Memphis contacted him saying that it would not only like to lease space within Ukrop's supermarkets, but also make Ukrop's a partner with 51 percent ownership. "They put up the money, we put up the space. It was a deal handed to us on a silver platter," he said.

In November 1997, the first branch of First Market Bank opened. It is the first and only joint venture of this kind in the United States. Ukrop explained that Congress has passed legislation making any future arrangements such as this one illegal in order to protect small businesses from being closed down by bigger competition. However, the bank has become very successful. Although it lost money in its first year, it has grown to a three million-dollar operation in just over two years. "For me, it's like an old man with a new toy," he told a class of students. "I got to start a business with a clean sheet of paper."

Another successful idea has made Ukrop's competitive with restaurants.

According to Ukrop, statistics show that people eat out more often than they used to. In response, Ukrop's has been selling pre-cooked meals that allow a family simply to grab a bag that contains a complete dinner that only has to be heated up later.

"It is becoming more like food service than a grocery store, so we got involved in prepared foods," he said. "It's fun to eat out on Saturday night, but Monday through Thursday it is important to eat healthy, and [the prepared foods provide that] as quickly as possible."

It is clear that Ukrop made the right career decision. "I know I would not have been a professional golfer, that's for sure. I golf for tension, I work to relax."

While at MWC, Teresa Joerger '01 was a member of the cross-country team, associate editor of The Bullet, *and worked as a writer for the Office of College Relations. She is currently working as a copy editor for the* Journal Newspapers *in Alexandria.*

Jim Vance and Ameeta S. Vashee, director of the James Farmer Multicultural Center.

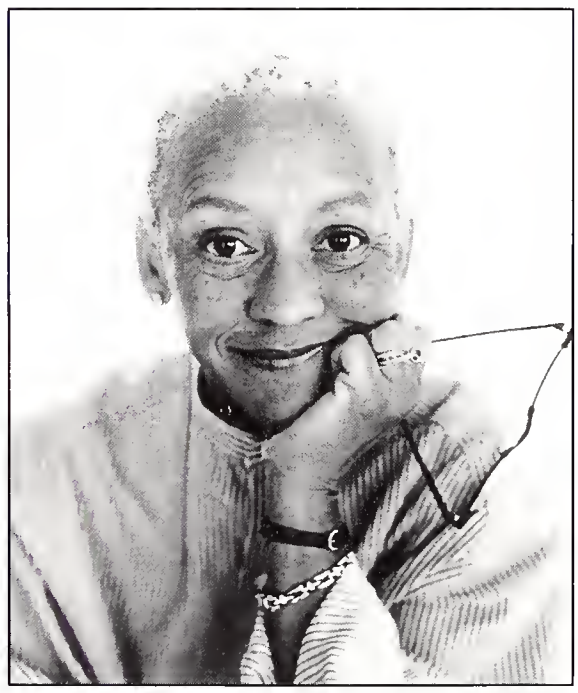
EVENTS ON CAMPUS

January

Washington, D.C., television news anchor Jim Vance was the featured speaker at Mary Washington College's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration on January 15 in Dodd Auditorium. Vance, who anchors the major evening newscasts for NBC NEWS4, is the recipient of 15 Emmy Awards...A selection of work by John Torres Jr., one of central Virginia's leading black artists and art educators, was on display in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery. The exhibit, "The Light from the Underground Railroad," included a selection of paintings and sculptures and was shown in conjunction with the exhibit, "The Face of Madagascar: Photographs by Janice Levy."...The award-winning a capella group "Ball in the House" a six member all-male group from Boston, Mass., performed at the College with Symfonics, MWC's student-run a capella group, performing as the opening act. The group uses no instruments, and all sounds, including percussion, are made vocally...The Department of Business Administration at Mary Washington College offered a free, two-day training session for tax preparers who volunteer their services to help low-income and elderly residents with their tax returns. "We do this for two primary reasons," commented Tom Whitman, senior lecturer in business administration. "It's excellent preparation for our students, particularly for those enrolled in both corporate and individual tax courses. And, ... we are glad to provide it as a community service addressing a particular need." The Mary Washington College program, which is in its 22nd year, is offered through the IRS "Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program" (VITA)...Courtney Brooks '98 gave a piano recital of works by Bach, Mozart, Schubert, Schumann, Ravel and Copland. Ms. Brooks is a candidate for a master of music degree in piano performance at The Catholic University of America.

February

The Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center offered the nationally recognized NxLevel Entrepreneurial Training Program at the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies...The "Gospel Extravaganza" opened MWC's Black History Month. The month's events continued with a poetry tribute to Gwendolyn Brooks facilitated by Carmen Gillespie, assistant professor of English..."SHADES," an MWC student drama troupe whose unique approach educates audiences on issues about diversity and multiculturalism, performed in the Red Room...The annual "Step Show and Competition" in Dodd Auditorium, was followed by an after-party in Lee Hall Underground... James Gaines, professor of French, lectured on "French Colonization in Haiti: The Lasting Effects of Haitian Enslavement by the French 1600 to Present"... Award-winning poet Nikki Giovanni spoke at the College both as part of Black History Month and the James Farmer Multicultural Center's ongoing Cultural Awareness Series. Noted as one of the most prominent poets from the black literary movement of the late 1960s, she is not only famous for her strongly voiced poems, but also is recognized for her work as a revolutionary in the Civil Rights Movement...The Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center-Warsaw office, a business resource center program co-sponsored by Mary Washington College, the Small Business Administration, and the Virginia Department of Business Assistance, was awarded a $100,000 grant by the Levi Strauss Foundation of San Francisco, Calif. The grant will be applied to support the services of the Warsaw Center, expanding its outreach to the community by providing advanced business skills training for existing entrepreneurs in the region, and by addressing specialized topical business issues in marketing research, export/import, and e-commerce...Karen M. Sutter, director of business advisory services at the U.S.-China Business Council in Washington, D.C., spoke at a symposium of the Virginia Consortium of Asian Studies held at the College. Her topic was "The Political and Economic Developments in Asia in The Information Age." ...Author and noted political analyst Elizabeth Drew spoke at MWC on "The Corruption of American Politics." Ms. Drew is a highly acclaimed observer of the Washington political scene, known for her articles and op-ed pieces as well as her appearances as a television commentator on such programs as "Meet the Press"... Guitarist John Johns gave a recital in Pollard Hall. Included were classical selections from composers Bach, Villa-Lobos, Brindle and Guimaraes...The Mary Washington College Jazz Ensemble held its spring concert under the direction of adjunct faculty member Doug Gately, performing the works of Count Basie and Duke Ellington bands...An annual exhibition featuring the artwork of four senior studio art majors was on display in the duPont Gallery...The Mary Washington College Department of Theatre and Dance presented "Falling Grace," by Mark Edward Scharf...Robert C. Beason, chair of



Nikki Giovanni

the biology department at the University of Louisiana-Monroe, lectured on bird migration patterns in "Magnetic Navigation in Birds — Do They or Don't They?" Dr. Beason's research has centered on the ecophysiology of orientation and the perception of magnetic fields by birds. His findings have significantly advanced understanding of how birds migrate long distances.

March

Christopher Kilmartin, associate professor of psychology at MWC, gave a benefit performance of "Crimes Against Nature"...Mary Washington College celebrated Women's History Month with lectures, panel discussions and theatrical performances. Most events were open to the public without charge...John Philip Sousa's noted march, "Nobles of the Mystic Shrine," and an innovative marimba adaptation of George Gershwin's classic, "Rhapsody in Blue," are two of the musical selections the United States Marine Band performed at MWC. Under the direction of Colonel Timothy W. Foley, the 143-member Marine Band performed a variety of classical and patriotic selections including works by Leonard Bernstein, Richard Rodgers and Samuel Barber... Three Czech musicians were featured in a chamber recital of music from the Baroque and Classical eras. Trumpet soloists Jiri Houdek, Karel Houdek and Zdenek Zavrel also performed in the Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra concert...Performance artist Ann Saville gave her "first-person" portrayal of Eleanor Roosevelt as part of the College's celebration of Women's History Month and the Seventh Annual Cultural Awareness Series...Edward B. Rastetter, an associate scientist with the Ecosystems Center of the Marine Biology Laboratory in Woods Hole, Mass., lectured on "How will temperate forests respond to increased carbon dioxide and warming? Crystal gazing with the help of a computer"...The Mary Washington College Eagle Pipe Band presented its spring concert under the direction of Ray Scott, professor of chemistry at Mary Washington College, the pipe band played a collection of both traditional Scottish pieces and recent compositions...Four Mary Washington College seniors had their artwork on display in duPont Gallery from March 16-March 25 in an exhibition, titled "The Final Frontier." Featured was the work of Jay Webb of Dumfries, Va.; Jennifer Keeling of Crozet, Va.; Marc Gorman of Grapevine, Texas; Megan Wientjes of Locust Grove, Va.; and J.B. Hodgson of Reston, Va...The Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra kicked off its year-long 30th birthday celebration with its first concert in 2001 on March 16. The orchestra was founded in 1971...ADASH, a Czech choral group specializing in Jewish music, performed at MWC. The all-female group is made up of students from the University of Ostrava, Czech Republic...A member of The Guerrilla Girls, a collaborative group of women artists of all disciplines, performed at Mary Washington in "Your Cultural Conscience"...Volunteers trained at MWC to help with tax form preparation assisted elderly residents and people with disabilities at a free tax preparation session held in Monroe Hall...The Second Annual Mary Washington College Jazz Festival featured a performance by the U.S. Army Blues band. Their performance concluded a day-long program, which included performances by several high-school bands and individual instrument clinics with seasoned jazz performers. The MWC Jazz Ensemble and the Vaughn Nark Quintet also performed in the afternoon.

A Special Concert

BY ANTOINETTE R. PARKER

As a freshman at MWC, Jennifer Dalmas '95 planned a double major in music and pre-med. But after two summers of studying music in the Czech Republic, the violinist decided to forego her second major to focus on music full time — a decision that would significantly impact her professional *and* personal lives.

Left to right: Karla Qualls, Maestro Valerie Vatchev, Jennifer Dalmas, Dr. James Baker and Evgeni Raychev.

After graduating from MWC, Jennifer received a scholarship to study violin at Florida State University, where she earned her master's and doctoral degrees in music. While there, she joined Evgeni Raychev, a cellist from Bulgaria, and Karla Qualls, a pianist from Texas, to form a musical trio, which toured under the FSU flag. As fate would have it, Jennifer and Evgeni, fell in love. The duo married in June.

In April 2001, the FSU trio visited MWC and played a "pre-nuptial concert," featuring Beethoven's "Triple Concerto," in honor of the couple's engagement. Maestro Valerie Vatchev of Vratza, Bulgaria, conducted the concert, held in Dodd Auditorium. MWC Professor Jim Baker traveled to Vratza in June to conduct the honeymoon concert.

Baker said this concert exchange that includes an MWC graduate is part of an on-going cultural and musical exchange between the College-Community Symphony Orchestra and the European musical community. "It is, perhaps, the capstone concert of this on-going series," he said.

Orchestra Scholarship Campaign Set at $1 million

Dr. James Baker, director of the Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra, has announced a campaign to raise $500,000 for scholarship endowment, to support students who perform in the orchestra.

To date, the orchestra's endowment stands at a little over $500,000. Dr. Baker and the board of the College-Community Orchestra wish to see that amount grow to $1 million. Students who perform in the orchestra represent a broad spectrum of academic and extracurricular interests.

"These are not just music majors," explains Dr. Baker. Students who participate in the orchestra major in everything from math to geology, English to historic preservation. "The fact that these students participate in the orchestra enriches the entire campus, and we want to encourage and support all students who wish to pursue their love of music at the College," says Dr. Baker.

MWC Debate Team Wins National Championship

Mary Washington College students came away with a first place victory from the American Debate Association's national tournament held at Clarion University in Clarion, Pa., March 16-18. This is the first time that the MWC debate team has won a national championship and it was especially significant since the victory went to two of the College's six two-person teams.

The two MWC teams, which were competing in the division designed for students participating in their first year of intercollegiate debate, defeated teams from Boston College and West Virginia University in the semifinals, and Miami of Ohio and the Catholic University of America in the quarter finals. The teams consisted of John Nagy of Gahanna, Ohio, with Carlotta Woods of Oak Harbor, Wash., and Michael Hagan of Yardley, Pa., with Hazel Uhlenhopp of Charlottesville, Va.

In the junior varsity division, MWC debaters Nora Cronin of East Meadow, N.Y., and Judy Goss of Southampton, N.J., captured third place. MWC debaters also brought home four awards for individual performances during the tournament.

Timothy M. O'Donnell, director of debate and assistant professor of English at Mary Washington College, was awarded the American Debate Association's prestigious Lambert Award. The award is given annually to an outstanding debate coach for service to the association and excellence in coaching. The College's debate program has been ranked as one of the top 10 programs in the nation throughout the season.

The national topic for the 2000-2001 debate season was: "Should the United States increase development assistance to Africa?" The MWC team started researching the national debate topic in August and competed successfully at 12 different debate tournaments during the season.

The team was joined at the tournament by John Morello, assistant vice president for academic affairs at MWC, who served as the tournament director.

Coming Home

When was the last time you toured the Mary Washington College grounds? For Shirley Van Epps Waple '52, it had been more than 40 years since she had last seen the beautiful Fredericksburg campus, and she missed it sorely.

Shirley has been a member of MWC's Heritage Society for many years, having included the College in her estate plans. She had read that Valerie Kuramoto handled matters for the Heritage Society, so when she moved back to Richmond after more than 40 years of living in upstate New York, Shirley called Valerie and asked if someone could take her on a tour of campus. Her visit brought back fond memories of her undergraduate days.

A few months passed, and Shirley received an invitation to the annual recognition luncheon for scholarship donors and Heritage Society members. She could not attend, but appreciated receiving by mail the Scholarship Directory and the listing of Heritage Society members. The Scholarship Directory really caught Shirley's eye. She hadn't realized that so many alumni and friends had established permanent, endowed scholarships at the College. She wanted to be among this group, and once again she picked up the phone and called Valerie Kuramoto, to let her know that she intended to endow a scholarship to support a student with financial need.

Shirley continued to think about her good feelings for the College and how glad she was to be reconnected with Mary Washington. She was in the midst of updating her will, and decided that she wanted to do more for her alma mater through her estate plans. She changed her will and is now leaving one quarter of her estate to enhance the scholarship she has established, and another quarter of her estate to provide support for pressing capital needs at the College.

Shirley's generosity didn't stop there. She was aware of other projects underway at the College, particularly the new Alumni Executive Center, which is projected to open in the spring of 2004. She made a commitment to this important capital project and named an executive office in the new facility.

Shirley's trip back to campus had revived memories of her days as an undergraduate, and reminded her of the many positives that resulted from her Mary Washington College experience. In turn, she decided to remember the College in her estate plans and through current gifts to support priorities such as student financial aid and the Alumni Executive Center.

When was the last time you toured the Mary Washington College grounds? Why don't you consider coming back and seeing all the exciting things that are going on here? Like Shirley Waple, you may come to realize that you can play an important role in the life of the College today, by providing support for our students, our faculty, our facilities, or our programs. We hope to see you soon!

1997 Nobel Prize Winner in Physics at MWC

William D. Phillips, a 1997 winner of the Nobel Prize in physics, lectured in Klein Theatre, on "Almost Absolute Zero: The Story of Laser Cooling and Trapping." The lecture, based on his Nobel Prize lecture, was aimed at a general audience of non-scientists, and described how laser cooling works and how it is possible to cool a gas of atoms to less than a millionth of a degree above absolute zero — the coldest temperatures in the universe. Atoms at these low temperatures begin to exhibit unique properties and are being used for applications ranging from super-accurate atomic clocks to new quantum devices like atom lasers.

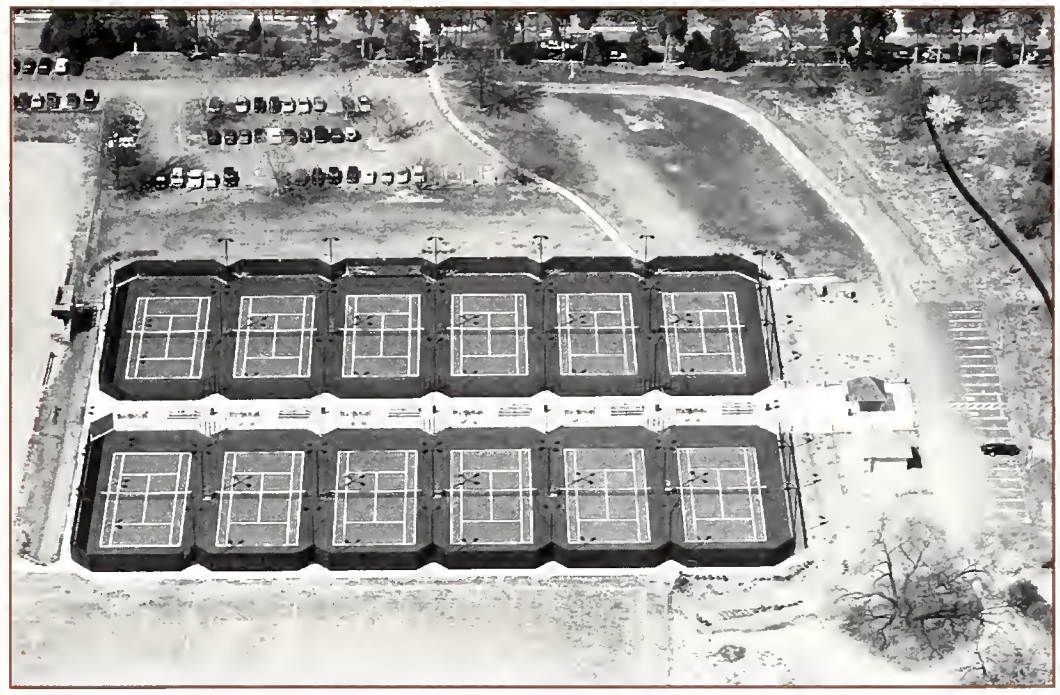
Third Annual Victorian Ball

The Historic Preservation Club at Mary Washington College hosted their third annual Victorian Ball on Feb. 25, in the Lee Hall Ballroom. This year's theme was "The Crystal Palace Ball."

Dance lessons were included in the price and were recommended for people who are unfamiliar with 19th-century dances. Victorian dress was encouraged.

"The Crystal Palace Ball" theme is in celebration of the Crystal Palace that was successfully relocated in 1854 to Sydenham Hill in South London. The palace was reconstructed on a 200-acre park which was dedicated by Queen Victoria on June 10, 1854. The recreated setting of the ball was the year 1856.

There was a receiving line before dancing began, as well as parlor games and refreshments. The dance mistress was Mrs. Eileen Goodman of Fredericksburg. Period music was performed by the New Winchester String Quartet from Winchester, Va.



MWC'S TENNIS FACILITY WINS COURT-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD FROM TENNIS INDUSTRY

The Mary Washington College tennis facility has been awarded the National Court-of-the-Year winner by *Tennis Industry* magazine, according to the January/February 2001 issue. The facility, which was reconstructed in 1999, recently served as host to the 2000 NCAA Division III Men's Tennis South Regional Tournament. It has also hosted the 2000 ITA Women's Tennis Regional Tournament, and served as host for the 2001 Capital Athletic Conference Championships in April.

Longtime MWC Athletic Director Ed Hegmann was pleased by the publication's recognition. "It's quite an honor to be recognized by Tennis Industry magazine," said Hegmann. "Having seen the National Court-of-the-Year Award winners over the past 10 years or so, it's very gratifying to see our facility honored in such a way." Hegmann praised the school's administration for its efforts in the renovation.

Fredericksburg Theatre Company Announces 2001 Season

Fredericksburg Theatre Company, celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2001, announced productions of two musicals and a comic masterpiece in Klein Theatre. "Greater Tuna," (June 14-23); and "I Do! I Do!," (June 28-July 7); and "Little Shop of Horrors," (July 12-22).

Fredericksburg Theatre Company is the summer professional theater in residence at Mary Washington College. Since returning to Mary Washington College in 1998, it has experienced unparalleled growth in subscriptions, ticket sales and contributions. The company includes local artists, guest professionals, student apprentices and faculty from MWC's Department of Theatre and Dance. Fredericksburg Theatre Company is supported by the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the City of Fredericksburg, Mary Washington College, dozens of local businesses and hundreds of individual citizens.

When Vivian M. Wilkerson graduated from Mary Washington College in 1946, she had plans to become a medical secretary or laboratory technician. But, after a few curves in the road of life and a detour involving seven years of professional education and residency training, she arrived at Fort Lee, Va., in 1961 as a pediatric physician. She stayed for 34 years.

MWC Degree Paves the Way for M.D.

BY DONNA HARTER RAAB

Vivian first came to Mary Washington College in 1942 after graduating from high school in Highland Springs, Va. "I chose Mary Washington College for a couple of reasons," she recalls. "My father worked for the RF&P Railroad, so I knew I would have transportation. A hometown friend was enrolled as a science major; I liked the course offerings, and since it was a state-supported college, the tuition was right."

Science was Vivian's major field of study, and she was a member of the honorary society of Alpha Phi Sigma. "A lot of people contributed to my education there," says Vivian, "but I think the College physician and hygiene teacher, Dr. Nancy S. Whitticar, may have had an early influence on my later decision to become a doctor. As part of my study program, I was able to observe her at work in the College infirmary and even went downtown to one of the medical clinics to observe other doctors and their patients. I didn't realize it at the time, but those classes and that experience proved to be good scholastic preparation for medical school."

After receiving her bachelor's degree from MWC, Vivian began working at Medical College of Virginia hospitals in Richmond. She first spent three years as a researcher in pharmacology, and then five years in hematology, before beginning her journey in 1954 to become a doctor. She received her M.D. in 1958 and then completed a three-year residency in pediatrics. "I always liked working with children," she says, "and I wanted to make a difference. After I completed my residency, I took what I thought was a temporary position at Kenner Army Community Hospital at Fort Lee. I was the first civilian and the first female doctor on post. Over the years, I provided medical care for thousands of children of active servicemen and women. I loved it so much, I just never left."

In 1992, Chief of Pediatric Services Vivian M. Wilkerson, M.D. was given a Superior Civilian Service Award "for her dedication and excellence in her job." She retired in 1995 after more than 34 years of practice, and in 1996 the pediatric clinic at Kenner Army Community Hospital in Fort Lee was dedicated and renamed in her honor.

Dr. Wilkerson says she may not have known exactly where she was going during her undergraduate years at Mary Washington College, but her education helped pave the way when she finally realized her destination. "I appreciate the many opportunities I had at MWC, and I am grateful for the memories and the friends I made. I keep in close contact with five of my former roommates and suitemates, and I have been back for all of our Class of '46 reunions."

Dr. Wilkerson is currently serving as an ambassador for the campaign to fund the new Alumni Executive Center at Trench Hill. "I am really excited about the prospect of this new facility for all our alumni," she says. "There will be large meeting rooms and banquet halls for reunions, rooms for guests to stay, and a magnificent courtyard. The whole thing will blend in beautifully with the other architecture, and I think it will be a wonderful asset to the College and the community. If everything comes together as planned, I'll be attending my 60th reunion there."

MWC Graduate Assails War's Ravages

Inger Brinck '98

BY MICHAEL ZITZ

The Mary Washington College student was so shocked by what she saw in Bosnia that she knew she had to do something, despite her youth and inexperience.

Inger Brinck '98 went to Bosnia as an academic — to observe the aftermath of the terror there in a clinical way and to study it dispassionately.

But when she saw the toll the war had taken in mass rapes and murders of women, she knew she had to do more than take notes and write a paper.

Brinck was a Mary Washington College student with no knowledge of the music industry — just a silly idea that she could corral top artists to do a benefit CD to help female survivors of war and violence.

"People were saying it's absolutely impossible, that you can't sell benefit CDs, that it's really hard to do it," said Brinck, 25. "I ignored all that and kept pushing forward."

The result is the "Octaves Beyond Silence Project" album, released December 2000. There are big names on the CD, including the Indigo Girls, Betty, Ani DiFranco and MeShell Ndegeocello.

Kathy LeMay, deputy director of Women for Women International, one of five groups that will receive funds from sales, called Brinck's efforts formidable.

"Inger was told by many that without experience, without the funds, without access to the music industry, this simply could not be done," LeMay said.

But it was. The album is expected to raise $200,000 to help women around the world. "Thanks to 'Octaves Beyond Silence' and these amazing artists, we will be able to help women worldwide move out of crisis and instability and into self-sufficiency and independence," said Zainab Salbi, president of Women for Women International.

Brinck "reached out to these women in other countries and now is getting their message across," LeMay said.

Brinck, a women's studies major at Mary Washington College in 1997, first traveled to Bosnia and Croatia to study the adequacy of psychological support systems set up in the aftermath of systematic rape, torture and murder of thousands of Muslim women by the Serbian military.

She was shocked when she saw farm equipment being used to exhume women's bodies from mass graves. She realized resources were woefully insufficient to give survivors the help and support they need.

"It was appalling," Brinck said. At that point, few Americans realized the depravity of the war crimes that had been perpetrated against women in the region.

"This is not rape out of control," wrote Catherine MacKinnon, author of a book about the systematic abuse of women in the war, titled *Mass Rape: The War Against Women in Bosnia-Herzegovina*.

"It is rape under control," MacKinnon wrote. "It is also rape unto death, rape as massacre, rape to kill and to make the victims wish they were dead."

Reports have said that one of the main goals of the mostly Serb rapists was "ethnic cleansing" by forced insemination.

Brinck had an imaginative idea about a way to help.

Allison Miller, a friend of Brinck's, was a drummer for Natalie Merchant's backup band and also worked on other artists' albums.

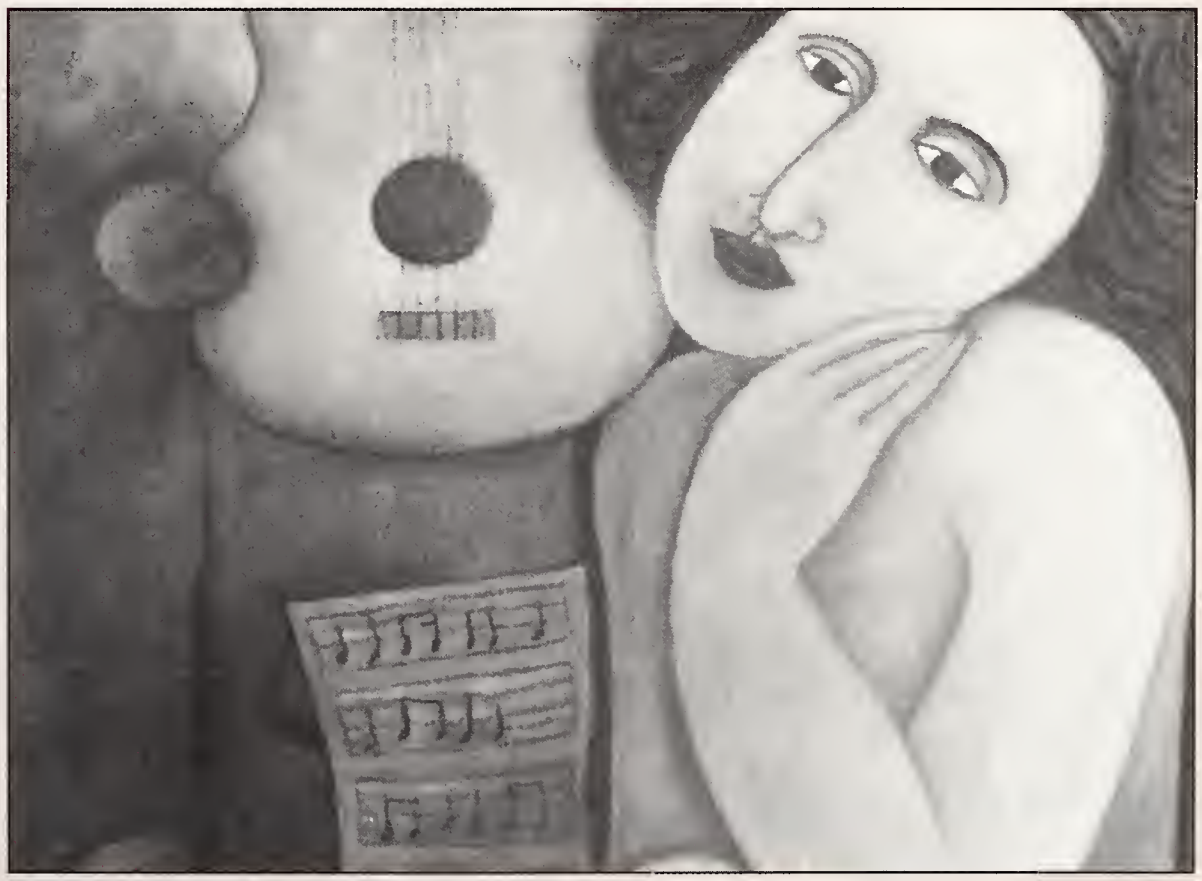
Brinck, who knew virtually nothing about the music business, asked Miller to help her seek musicians' support for the CD.

Miller provided names and contact information, and Brinck began e-mailing stars. "I'd never met them, and I was surprised by how kind they were and how eager they were to help," Brinck said.

DiFranco's record label, Righteous Babe, provided invaluable support to the project. One of the Indigo Girls, Amy Ray, talked about the project during a television interview in November. "We like to support people who are doing great work and help amplify their voices," Ray said on "Pure Oxygen," a cable talk show.

"Women all over the world are victims of low-intensity warfare. ... They're used as targets. I think what [Brinck is] doing is amazing. I mean it's emotionally hard work — and I think it's amazing."

Mike Zitz is a staff reporter for The Free Lance-Star, *where this article originally appeared. Reprinted with permission.*



Rhapsody en azul, by Claudia Olivos, is the cover art for Ms. Brinck's CD.

BARBARA PANDO '96

Singing is nothing new to '96 alumna Barbara Pando. Nor is singing before an audience — Ms. Pando performed with the Show Choir "Encore" and Symfonics during her four years at Mary Washington. However, she is the first to confess excitement about her invitation to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the Fiesta Americana Inaugural Ball at the Organization of American States (OAS). The event was one of several balls held in Washington following President Bush's inauguration.

That, too, should start feeling routine for Ms. Pando. After all, this was her second performance at an OAS ball. While an intern for the U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce in 1998, she auditioned to sing for a fund-raiser gala dinner. The result was a performance of the national anthems for Mexico and the U.S., both sung in their native languages. Ms. Pando said, "I guess they remembered me because they called me out of the blue [in January] and asked me to sing!"

Ms. Pando graduated from Mary Washington with a double major in international affairs and political science. In 1998, she received her master's degree in international affairs from American University. She works as a consultant for Catholic Relief Services in Baltimore, Md.

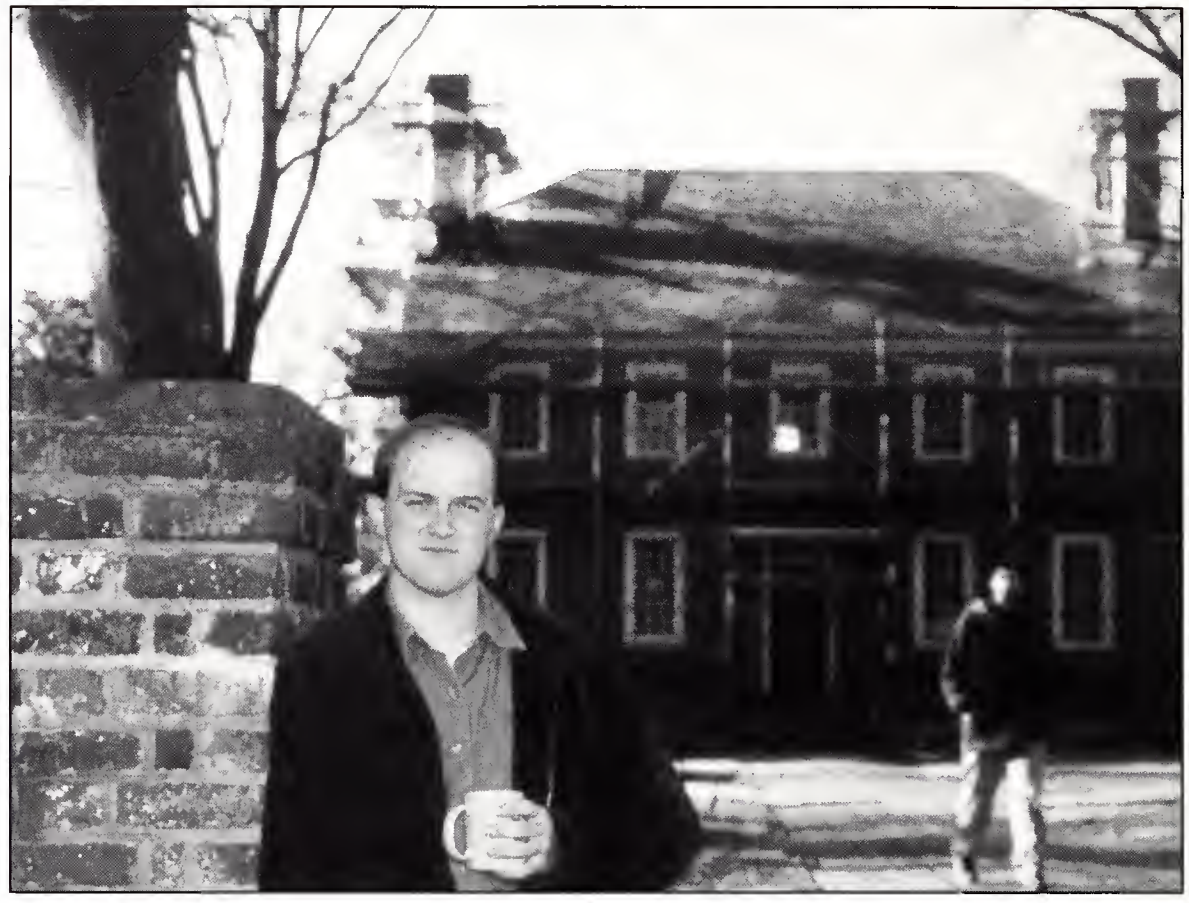
LAWANNA HICKS MANGLEBURG '70

Lawanna Hicks Mangleburg '70 was described as an "exemplary leader" and a "caring innovative visionary" by Joseph D. Tafoya, the director of Defense Departments schools, as he presented Mrs.

Lawanna Hicks Mangleburg '70

Mangleburg with the award for National Superintendent of the Year 2001 for the Defense Department's base school system. She began her career in 1981 as a fifth-grade teacher at Dahlgren Elementary School, then worked with both the military community and schools at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., the Quantico Marine Corps Base and Naval Service Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division. Mrs. Mangleburg is currently the superintendent for New York and Virginia Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools. For more information, visit their Web site at www.odedodea.edu.

Originally from Athens, Ga., she began her studies at the University of Georgia then transferred to MWC, where she graduated with a degree in education. Mrs. Mangleburg received a master's degree from the University of Virginia, and later began work on her doctorate at Virginia Tech. She lives in Colonial Beach with her husband, Charles S. Mangleburg.



Matthew Webster '00 with Kenmore in the background.

MATTHEW WEBSTER '00

Historic Kenmore — part of Fredericksburg's scenery since the 1770s — is taking on a new look — or, rather, the same look it had when it belonged to Betty Washington and husband Fielding Lewis. Beginning in May 2000, the stately mansion has been undergoing an historic overhaul, under the direction of restoration project manager Matt Webster '00. Renovation of the Kenmore mansion and surrounding grounds of the historic landmark will cost approximately $6 million.

The restoration process is made more complicated by the research that ensures a historically accurate renovation. Professionals such as Webster are making sure the smallest details add up. The work includes replacing modern cement additions with a match of the original mortar, figuring out the most historically accurate wallpaper scheme, and removing modern plumbing and wiring. The process is scheduled to take three years, though the house will remain open, allowing visitors to watch the extensive project.

Message from the President of the Alumni Association

As I write this, spring is bursting forth on the beautiful Mary Washington College campus and the seniors are full of anticipation. Graduation for the Class of 2001 is just around the corner. Some of the seniors I have talked to express ambivalent feelings. There is the excitement of graduating at last, but also the anxiety of entering the "real world" and leaving behind the MWC environment and so many memories. I've even seen some teary eyes and quivering lips. I know most of us can remember and relate to these feelings. Change can be very disconcerting, especially when you've grown to love a community so much. Still, these students know they are well prepared for whatever life may bring their way, and they also know they are not truly leaving MWC. They will always be a part of this beloved community, as each of us can reassure them. We welcome the graduates of 2001 in their new roles within the College community.

I am delighted to report to you that the Alumni Association Board of Directors voted in February to name the third Washington Scholarship (to be awarded in 2002) the Theresa Young Crawley '77 and William B. Crawley Jr. Washington Scholarship to honor the couple's commitment to both the scholarship program and the College. As you may remember, Terrie served as alumni association president during the time when the Washington Scholars Program was conceived. Both she and Bill, a distinguished professor of history at MWC, have demonstrated unwavering support for this program, in addition to the many other ways they have shown their dedication to the College. So, thanks and congratulations to Terrie and Bill!

Along with the other members of the alumni association board of directors, I look forward to seeing you at campus events. It is always a fun time seeing old friends and bringing up some of those memories I mentioned earlier. Remember, you are an important part of the MWC community!

Patricia Branstetter Revere '63

General Assembly Honors Alumna

The Virginia General Assembly, by Senate Joint Resolution No. 323, commended Patricia "Patti" Goodall Strawderman '74 "for her exceptional and ongoing leadership in the fight against breast cancer." Mrs. Strawderman, diagnosed with breast cancer in December 1990, became active soon after in bringing together people across Virginia whose lives have been affected by the disease. While undergoing treatment, she organized a Mother's Day Rally for Breast Cancer in Virginia, and in 1991, she co-founded the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation — which today includes more than 1,200 members, including those with breast cancer, their friends and family members and health care professionals. Mrs. Strawderman currently serves as vice president for classes on the Alumni Association's board of directors.

MWC Ranks in Top 10 for Peace Corps Volunteers

For the third year in a row, Mary Washington College has been ranked among the top 10 schools on the Peace Corps' annual list of small colleges and universities with the highest number of alumni currently serving overseas. The college ranked seventh this year, with 16 alumni currently serving in the Peace Corps. Last year Mary Washington College ranked fifth, with 19 volunteers.

Former MWC BOV Member Receives VSLA Award

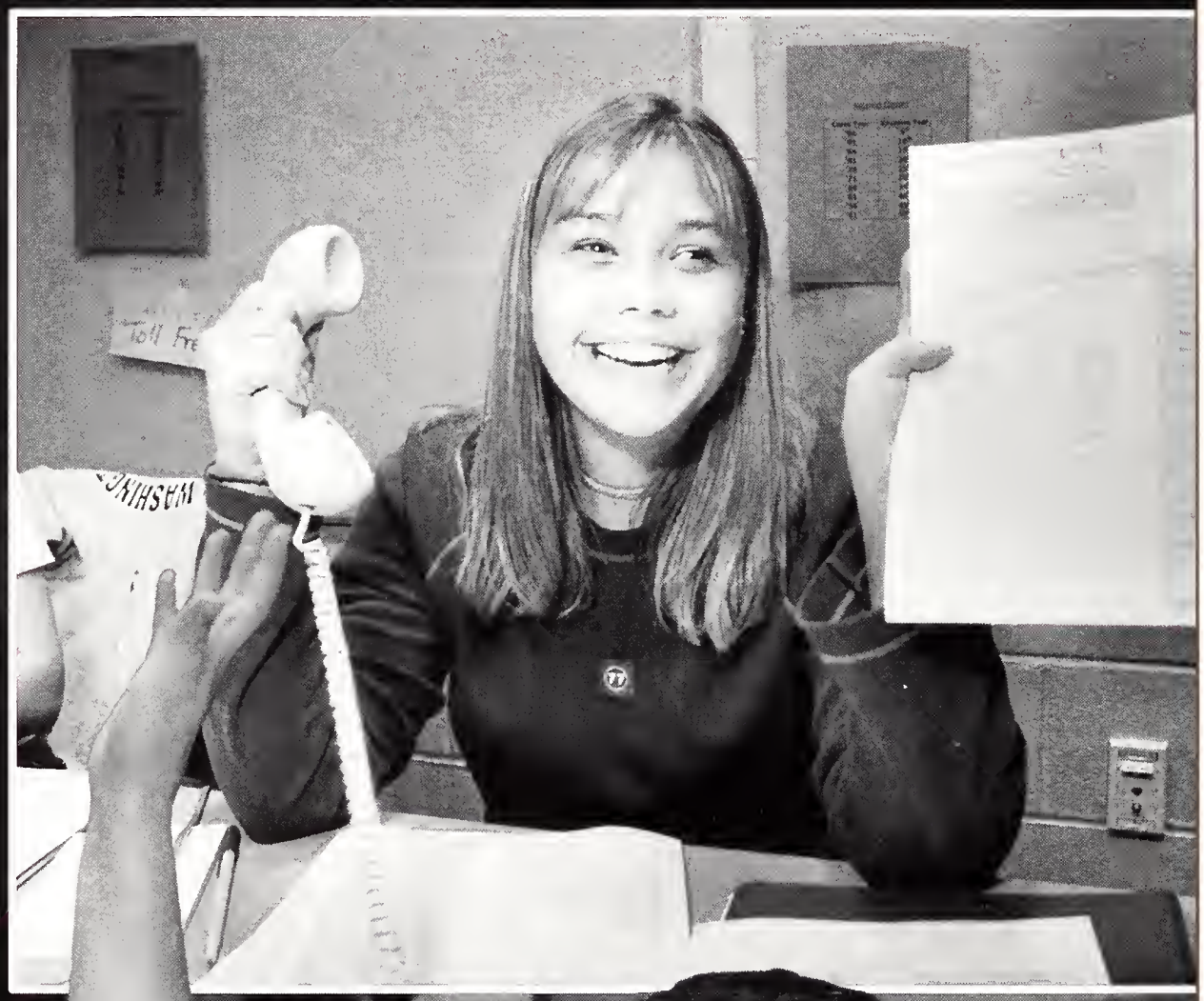
Ruby Lee Norris '36 of Topping, Va., is the first recipient of the Virginia Student Leadership Alliance (VSLA) Distinguished Service Award. Mrs. Norris was a member of the Mary Washington College Board of Visitors from 1996 to 2000.

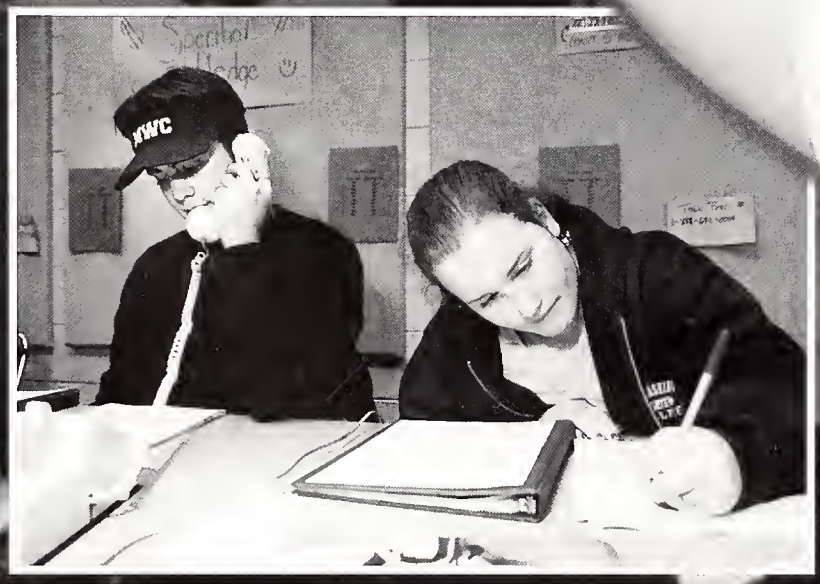
The award, which was given at the VSLA's February 18 meeting at MWC, was created to honor individuals who make significant contributions to the VSLA and its goals.

As a member of the Board of Visitors, Mrs. Norris assisted the VSLA in drafting a bill which requires each college in Virginia to appoint a student member, with non-voting rights, to its Board of Visitors. The bill passed the Virginia House of Delegates and Senate and was signed into law by Governor Gilmore last spring.

PHONATHON

Ever wonder what powers MWC's high-energy staff of Phonathon callers? During the 2000-2001 school year, the group fueled-up with more than 6,903 candies, 1,575 pizza slices, 25,400 cheese balls and 1,260 cans of soda. That high-octane chow provided enough energy for the students to attempt 42,460 calls during 182 hours of calling. This year, Phonathon callers received $512,392 in pledges. It takes a lot of energy to be that successful!





Class Notes

Devil Notes

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1933

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From Isebelle:

Dear Friends, you probably noticed the change of address on my Christmas letter. George and I moved to New Castle (Craig Co.) in October to be with our daughter. George's health was deteriorating. He entered the hospital on Dec. 5 and passed away on the 27th, only three days after our 61st anniversary — need I say more! Thanks so much for your cards and calls. At our age, most of us have health problems, so I'll try to stay away from that topic.

Martha Moore Edwards lives near me now, so we plan to get together soon. **Mary Tarpley** lived here in New Castle early on, so her card was most interesting. **Josephine Matz Wells** was excited over a party her family gave her celebrating her 90th birthday. **Alice Mae Brown Walden** never forgets a greeting and promised to write. She is still in Greenville, S.C. **Ethel Turner Horner** is in a retirement home in Newport News. She had been to Nags Head recently and tried to contact **Marie Finney Pennewell** but had no luck. By the way, I have lost contact with **Alma Murchison** and **Ava Smith**. Write me if you have news from them please. I had a nice chat with **Joan Brickhouse Beall**. She lives in Springfield in a retirement community. I also called **Julia Lee Boston Bartha**. She and her husband have health problems but still manage to live at home in Hopewell.

Keep in touch. Love you, Isebelle

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From a possible 81 people, I have heard from only two of our classmates. However, two is better than none, and I am thankful for each letter.

After several years of uncertainty, **Kathryn Nicholas-Winslow** is enjoying life to its fullest. She is active in many organizations including Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America (DFPA), The Jamestown Society, and Daughters of Colonial Wars (DCW). She is pool representative for the Health and Wellness Committee where she lives, and she swims three to five times a week. Also, she is active in her church and in the MWC Tidewater Chapter. She is so busy she has no time to worry about aging.

Virginia Cooley Stoner sent a very lovely Christmas card — so pretty I considered having it framed. Even more important, she took the time to write a message. Although her husband, Aaron, is retired, he goes to work for a few hours every day. She stays busy as a volunteer in a Lutheran home, playing bridge, with church activities, and with woman's club responsibilities. I once asked her how she managed driving in Northern Virginia traffic. She answered that she avoids the Beltway.

Virginia also mentioned that she and Aaron had recently attended the wedding of their only grandson in Greensboro, N.C. As it happens, my son works in Greensboro, but his son (my only grandson) is only 4. Do any of you have a grandchild younger than mine?

(Ed. note: We regret the "In Memoriam" error in the winter issue of *MWC Today*. The correct name is Elizabeth Waddell Wilson '39.)

1941

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1943

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(Ed. note: As we go to press we have learned that Class Agent Hilda Holloway Law passed on March 25, 2001. We send condolences to her family and friends and the Class of 1943.)

From Dorabelle:

As of January 14, 2001, I have heard from 20 of our classmates! Can you believe we will have our 60th reunion in two years?

Natalie Moore Spears and husband Jack moved to Warwick Forest Retirement Home in Newport News. They seemed quite comfortable and pleased with the arrangements.

Dorabelle Forrest Cox used to talk with Hilda frequently on the phone and visited her occasionally to play bridge. Hilda lived with her husband, Dana, in Kingsmill, Williamsburg.

Mamie Stahle Allen and husband Lee visit her sons in the Richmond area frequently. The grandchildren are a joy. Craig has three daughters, and Bill, a daughter and a son.

Bertha Dickinson Taylor had curtailed her activities somewhat to spend more time at home with her husband, Lisle. She still does monologues of the women of the Bible and teaches Sunday school.

Virginia Johnson Kisner writes that she and Frank have enjoyed numerous visits from her son and family, who reside in Maryland. Frank's son, who is a chiropractor, lives near them in Martinsburg.

Elizabeth Herndon Bennett wrote that the highlight of year 2000 was coming to Poquoson to visit her daughter, who is a veterinarian. She and I had lunch at the local tearoom and enjoyed reminiscing about our experiences at MWC.

Margaret "Peggy" Draper Eckenrode lives in Australia at Belle Hanen, a church retirement complex. She enjoyed seeing **Ruth Henriques Johnson** a few years ago when they visited Adelaide. She invites anyone planning to visit Australia to contact her. Her address may be secured from the MWC alumni office or me.

It was good to get an update from **Ethel Wilson Rogers**, who resides at Lake Gaston, N.C. She is involved in numerous activities with the ladies club there. Her interests are dancing, music, design, and most of the arts. She also enjoys swimming. Ethel taught for a while, retiring in 1985. She has three daughters who are teachers, as is her granddaughter. She likes to travel and see the Virginia Museum productions at the matinee hours.

Beulah Spain Harrison keeps busy visiting friends from her church and is rehearsal piano I accompanist for her chair. She, daughter Linda and family visit each other a number of times each year. Linda lives in West Virginia.

I called **Frances Wills Stevens** to ask if she had news for this column. She has had a problem with her leg and has been indisposed for a while. We hope she will be fully recuperated soon. Frances has our scrapbooks, so I shall send all communications and such to her to put in the current scrapbook.

Emma Jean Jester Martin wrote a very informative letter enumerating numerous sadness and joys. She has lost her father, her brother, and her husband of 50+ years. Our hearts and our condolences go out to her. In 1972, Emma had a mastectomy. She has participated in Relay for Life activities on Eastern Shore, Va. This year she received an award for their longest survivor. Emma lost her husband in August 1994. Her son and his family live in Delaware. She has three grandsons, two of which live in Delaware and one who is in the Navy in Norfolk, Va. Emma taught first grade for 32 years, serving as assistant principal for 10 years. She keeps busy with bridge club, United Methodist Women, other church affiliated activities and women's support groups.

We would like to know any information you may have on **Martha Driscoll** and **Virginia Urbin Melvin**.

Ann Middleton Kelly is busy in church activities, hospital volunteer groups, garden clubs and bridge clubs. She reports that her grandson is doing well after brain surgery last year.

Evelyn Sheads Appleton sent a snapshot taken the day of graduation and a picture of Roger and her at their present location in Florida. She tells us that Roger is doing well after an illness of a few months. She has been in an exercise class for 20 years. She says she found out that truly "blondes have more fun!" Their grandchildren are their pride and joy.

I was happy to hear from **Zelene desChamps Hood**, as I had not heard from her since we were

in school. Unfortunately, she lost her husband, Robin, in October 1999, after 57 years of marriage. She has two 50+ sons and three teen-age grandsons; one son lives in Austin, Texas, and the other near her in Spartanburg, S.C.

Bill Mann, husband of **Anne Clarke Mann**, wrote that after being the sole caregiver to Anne for 11 years, he thought it best to settle her in Bowling Green Health Care Center. The good news is that she is happy, content and loved by all the people there. Bill said that he has been blest to have been married to Anne for 56 years. He says hers is a "mission of love that no one else can carry out." Thank you, Bill, for taking such good care of Anne.

I, Dorabelle, am blest with reasonably good health, and I am happily situated in my hometown with my family all close by. I have two sons, one daughter, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. I have purposely limited my activities so I can enjoy staying at home more after leading a very active lifestyle. I do needlework for my church's building fund group to sell, co-chair a bridge group, and love listening to music and tending my houseplants. One of my joys is seeing friends, relatives, former schoolmates and former students here on the Peninsula.

1945

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It is always a delight to hear from MWC classmates at Christmas. The ties of College friends definitely have remained strong over the years. There is much to be shared, and we hope that we can always keep the closeness and exuberance we once felt. Some of the news may be old by the time you read it, but nevertheless I hope you enjoy it.

The Class of '45 extends condolences to **Nancy Darby Morrissette**, whose husband, Dr. William Philip Morrissette, passed away in December. Nancy lives in Richmond. Her son, three daughters and nine grandchildren share her grief.

Anne Dawideit Dickinson and Duval met **Bets Roberts Johnson** and Joe in Orange, Va., for lunch during the holidays. This is a tradition for the two families. Anne also keeps in touch with **Lois "Buzz" French Lockhart**. Anne and Duval attend many of the programs on the MWC campus.

The year 2000 was a big one for **Betsy Shamburger Eggleston** and Dick, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by touring Spain, Portugal and Gibraltar in June at the time of our reunion. In December, on the actual date of their anniversary, they enjoyed a visit to Williamsburg, a gift from their daughter. Betsy and **Ann White Leonard**, who previously attended the reunions together, were unable to do so, since Betsy was in Europe and Ann's son, who lives in a distant state, was visiting her. Ann and Betsy work together on the altar guild at their church in Ashland. Betsy wrote that **Trudie Kramer Larsen** celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary on the same date as Betsy. Also that **Adrienne Herbert Doll** has been on two world cruises within two years.

Louise Lilly Barrett is still recuperating from a detached retina, which prevented her attending our reunion in June. Recovery has been slow. Imagine my surprise to hear that a long-time family friend of mine is now a neighbor of Lil and Harry's! Harry was hospitalized twice last year for surgery. We hope 2001 will be a better year for them healthwise.

Lillian King Everett had a hectic year with many setbacks. She had a fractured pelvic bone resulting from a fall; colon flare-ups that hospitalized her several times; and a terrible automobile accident that brought another crisis in June. Yet, with perseverance and determination, she was able to enjoy a Caribbean cruise and a trip to Europe with friends. She loves meeting new friends and maintains a busy schedule.

Mary Lou Conover Miller and Bob are in their second year of desert life in California, having moved from the San Francisco area to Palm Desert. In June, following our class reunion, they traveled in Virginia, New England, Canada, the Midwest and the bay area of California. Their two sons (Peter owns a restaurant in Leesburg) and daughter provide them with incentives to travel.

Chris Brauer Krausse and Spott spend summers at their home in Bowlers Wharf on the Rappahannock "Rivuh." They travel to Richmond each week to check their mail and see Spott's 101-year-old mother. Two grandsons' weddings last summer provided much fun and family togetherness.

Ruth Smith Stanley stays in touch with **Jean Hudson Inskeep**. Ruth and her retired Methodist minister husband, Sam, attended the Methodist Conference last June, which they enjoyed as well as seeing many friends. Jean experienced many ups and downs, both she and Russell having health problems in 2000. At the last report, Russell was doing much better following a year of illnesses, infection and hospital visits. We hope time has healed and given them both renewed strength.

In December, **Liz Goffigon Jonns** took a cruise through the Panama Canal with her family. Her husband, Lawrence, is not well but was able to travel with Liz and their daughter.

Gloria Post Goodsell and Rog spent the summer at Bolton Landing, N.Y., on Lake George, which they have done for many years. This gives them a chance to see old friends and travel in their home state. In October, they returned to New York to "trailer" their boat home to Tyler, Texas. In December a trip to Branson, Mo., allowed them to attend the Christmas shows there, which are spectacular. Returning to Texas, they were looking forward to granddaughter Lindsay's Christmas vacation from Baylor. Both of their sons live in Tyler.

Grace Bailey Lindner's Christmas note was very upbeat. She, Carl, their two sons and their offspring are all well. Their days are full with church activities, volunteer work and travel. Their church choir, of which Carl is a member, sang in England. What a wonderful experience for Grace and Carl and quite an honor as well! Grace, Carl, Chris Brauer Krausse and Spott got together for the Tech/U.Va. football game — a lively, yearly, fun time.

Nancy Aitcheson Taylor and Bill's family of five children and grandkids make life interesting and exciting. Church activities, Nancy's artistry and Bill's genealogical pursuits occupy much of their time. The entire family gathers each summer for a week of fun at Tides Lodge on the waterfront of Northern Neck. Nancy says it's an energetic group, with the children and grandchildren each having diverse interests and talents. Nancy and her roommate, **Doris Lanham Einbinder** live close enough to enjoy each other's company. Their husbands are close friends as well. Doris's husband, Jack, had successful carotid artery surgery in August.

Elinor McClellan DeCamp has the best of two worlds. She and John spend summers in Indiana, where their families are, and winters in Phoenix, Ariz., where they have established a home away from home, acquiring new friends and activities. When in Indiana, McClellan is the appointed taxi driver for her two grandchildren, Roger and Emily. Being with them is great joy and fun, she wrote. The football season is busy and exiting, since John was the Purdue broadcaster for 40 years. The home games find them especially active, entertaining and being with old friends.

This newsletter prompted a phone call to **Ruth Parks Crockett**, who said there is no exciting news in the Crockett family. She is very grateful for the blessing of a close, loving family. Her grandson is a sophomore at U.Va. She is in close contact with **Marguerite Pruitt Luce**, whose sister passed away last summer. We send our sympathy to Marguerite.

Dorothy "Skip" Potts Taylor reported a very good year with the addition of a precious Guatemalan grandson and two great-grandchildren. She and Wally toured Italy last October with friends. Skip wrote, "The trip was strenuous but worth it to see so much and learn about that beautiful country. It was a fantastic trip." The Taylors are blessed with good health, close friends, and their daughters and families doing well.

The year 2000 was a good year for Jack and me. We are well and stay busy. Each day of good health is a blessing. The highlights of 2000 include the memorable 55th reunion at MWC with close friends, family get-togethers, and a Tauck tour traveling from Memphis to St. Louis. We especially enjoyed the outstanding shows at Branson, Mo. We are thankful for our family, friends and good health.

I encourage you to write news and keep us updated. I hope by the time you receive this that I'll be able to send and receive e-mail. A new computer sits waiting for us to learn. We've entered the world of technology and feel intimidated. We have signed up for a class at the community college expecting to learn the basics.

1947

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News is short this year. I have been in contact with my suitemates, **Vin Godwin Munford**, **Rose Trible Mowbray**, and indirectly with **Ray Plante**, whom Vin and Rose visited last year. Please write or call me. It will be a pleasure to pass on class news.

1949

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Within only a few months last year, we heard the sad news of the death of **Betty Bond Heller Nichols**' husband, Lee; **Gladys Riddle Whitesides**' husband, Les; **Hilda Jones Blakemore**'s husband, Bill; and **Elva Tate Hasher**'s husband, Conway. We also learned of the death of our classmate, **Dora Harper Hall**, formerly of Fredericksburg, who died at a nursing home in Raleigh, N.C. She had retired as an employee of N.C. State U. and had been active in a program for the mentally ill. Dora is survived by three daughters, in North Carolina and California, and by three sisters, all of Fredericksburg.

Among the many classmates in attendance for Col. Nichols' memorial service at VMI, those from a distance were Betty Bond's forever friends **Dotty Booker Pinkham**, **Charlotte Baylis Rexon**, and **Jane Yeatman Spangler**, together with their respective husbands, also dear friends.

B.B. and Elva both wrote later of their appreciation for the loving support of many caring classmates.

There was a lengthy obituary in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* in late December when **Barbara Trimm Wright**'s eldest sister died in South Hill, Va. Marguerite Trimm spent 38 years in the Mecklenburg County public schools as a teacher and guidance counselor and held many offices in educational, church, civic and service organizations. As we had reported earlier, Barbara left her own home and moved in with her two older sisters to be their loving caregiver.

Happier news from Betty Bond is that she has a new granddaughter, born last fall, to even up the family of two boys and two girls. With daughter Ann, her husband and four children now living just two houses away from her in Lexington, they help fill the great void in her life. At last word, B.B. expected a brief visit from **Jane Yeatman Spangler** 'n Bob on their way back to North Carolina from spending the holidays with their children in Pennsylvania. **Chot Baylis Rexon** 'n Fred were reported as doing well, but we heard that **Dotty Booker Pinkham** 'n Dave were having a "really rough winter in Vermont." If we were at a younger age than we are, the report might have been more like "a wonderful winter in Vermont for skiing, skating, sledding, etc." The years alter our viewpoints, don't they?

Barbara Watson Barden 'n Bob made round trips to visit family in Maryland, New Hampshire and Rhode Island but planned to have all the children at home for Christmas in Lancaster. Barb 'n Bob were looking forward to attending the annual Boxwood Ball and were hoping it wouldn't snow, since boots with evening clothes are a bit much! As ever, Barbara continues to teach dance and choreograph local productions in the college and community.

Undaunted by early snows over the Midwest, **Conni Conley Stuart** 'n Bonar drove their SUV from Toronto to spend Christmas with their son, Curtis, and his family in St. Louis. Conni had been so busy with productions since September, she had to rush out to do her Christmas shopping after arriving, just prior to Christmas, then was busy with family festivities and finally took time to call **June Davis McCormick** the night before returning to Toronto. Conni reported doing her first musical revue in 40 years, which, she said, challenged her to keep up with the cast of experienced musical performers. Conni was the oldest member of an all-over-50 cast (she just made the cut!), was in three skits and had a solo of "The Man I Can Love." That production, titled "Wrinkles," played at the Wintergarden Theatre in Toronto. She then did a two-week workshop of a musical version of "Peggy Sue Got Married," in which she played Peggy Sue's grandmother. That workshop possibly may go into production later this year. With daily rehearsals from 10 to 6, Conni had no free time for several weeks but found the musicals more interesting and fun than her usual TV roles. Although planning to extend their visit through New Year's, Bonar decided to leave for Toronto just ahead of the storm forecast for the holiday weekend. They made it home, and that storm went on to blanket much of the East Coast and New England.

Marion "Windy" Selfe Kelly 'n George reported having a "pretty good year." When their return to the U. of Quebec for another three weeks of emersion French was canceled because the professors were on strike, they registered for a course in beginning Spanish at East Tennessee State U. at Bristol. However, only George stayed for the entire course, as Windy was ill for four weeks and had to drop out. They had visits from children and grands throughout the year, and the whole clan gathered together for Thanksgiving in Staunton. They planned to be in Barcelona and Majorca for the month of January.

Last summer, **Doris Norman Carter** 'n Sterling traveled through Western Canada and Alaska with three other couples, all in their "Party Barges." They went via Marine Ferry, where Doris lived for three years as a young girl. After Christmas, they sped south to spend three months in West Palm Beach. This summer they plan to make the cross-country trip to the West Coast to visit their newly-wed daughter and her husband and, also, their oldest son, Brian, and his family. They hope to visit friends in Northern Ireland, Scotland and England. Doris added, "As you can see, we love to travel."

Jackie McConnell Scarborough 'n Les are seasoned travelers, for sure. As reported last issue, Jackie 'n Les planned a wonderful 18-day tour of Tuscany, Rome, Venice and Ryeka last October. Finally recovered from her back surgery of the previous year, they eagerly anticipated the scenic areas on their agenda. Well, you wouldn't believe what transpired!

They did have a marvelous seven days on their own before joining their tour group in Tuscany. While taking in the sights and shops in a quiet li'l town wherein only service vehicles are allowed to traverse the streets, Jackie was struck, knocked down and run over by a mail truck! Driven by a young Italian temp who was looking for a street number, she drove right into Jackie! Their version of ensuing events, via phone, would read like a bad soap opera if we could entail it all herein. Jackie (and a shocked Les) was rushed to the town's brand-new hospital, where no one spoke English. The attending doctor set Jackie's compound-fractured leg (broken in three places) without any anesthetic, shot or pain relief! A subsequent x-ray showed it was not set correctly, so he set it again, also sans pain medication! Put in a cast from hip to foot, Jackie could not communicate her needs, and Les was not allowed to stay with her.

An Italian-speaking tour rep came to their rescue, as far as communication, when he was present. The doctor insisted he had to operate; Les insisted they were coming home for the needed surgery. They were at an impasse which only persistence, translation and much paperwork finally overcame. Meanwhile, our Jackie was lying there, totally dependent and incommunicado!

Les managed to secure passage home, first class, somehow got Jackie out of the hospital, to the airport, out to the airplane, where he was told Jackie had to board via the stairway. After much frustration, they finally put her on the food-service lift and got her aboard. Then, the captain told them they could not travel without a nurse to tend to Jackie's needs. Les said he could take care of her; the captain said, "Show me!" They managed to make the necessary maneuvers and the captain finally agreed they could fly. Both Jackie and Les kept their senses of humor in relating the entire saga, and we're just relating a portion of the events.

Back in Atlanta, Jackie was examined by her own doctors and subsequently had surgery and pins inserted in her ankle and leg. How grateful they are that they had that elevator installed in their home last year, almost prophetically! After months of immobility, healing and therapy, Jackie 'n Les vow they'll return to Italy to see the Sistine Chapel, as planned. Les admitted that this trip was the first time he'd ever taken the interrupted trip/medical insurance. So, remember Jackie when planning your next trip abroad!

After having cataract surgery on her other eye in July, **Lucy Vance Gilmer** reported a quicker recovery and better results after she changed doctors and had a modified procedure requiring no stitches. Because of the surgery, Lucy limited her travels to visiting her late husband's brother's family in North Carolina in September, a trip to her VIC-alumni family in Blueridge, Va., in October and a flight to Colorado to spend Thanksgiving and have a visit with other VIC-alumni families in Ft. Collins. As ever, Lucy keeps very busy with church work and being a special friend to many.

As some of you may have learned via news reports, Michael Helton was named the new president of NASCAR last year. Mike is one of **Sarah-Kathryn Hayter Helton** and her late husband's four sons. Sarah said she still is amazed and grateful, not only for Mike but that all four of the Helton boys have done well. She added that she knows Orville would be so proud of them all, too.

Joan Rekemeyer Kibbe sent holiday greetings from Winston Salem, N.C., and asked if we know of any AAUW members from MWC who live close to the Winston Salem or Wake Forrest area, as the members she knows there are from other colleges. Anyone near Joan, please e-mail her at kibbe@allteh.net.

Another original Christmas poem came from **Blackie Horn Nygood** 'n Howard and their 12 basset hounds on their spread at Georgetown, Del. While awaiting the predicted snow storm, Blackie confided her theory that grocery stores pay the media weathermen to predict the worst in order to sell a lot of food.

Jean Murphy Baptist wrote that she'd attended the 50th reunion (their first) of the Class of '50 of Warrenton High in Warrenton, Va., last October. Murph had taught there one year, as had **Kathryn Ann Carter**. The reunion class found Murph through MWC's alumni office and issued the special invitation to her, saying that Kathy had promised to attend if she came. So, The Murph went, but Kathy (who lives in Warrenton) was a no-show! Jean said it was a marvelous reunion, and she was so glad she went. Her son, Dan Jr., flew her up in the family Cessna in just over an hour, they gadded about on Saturday and flew back on Sunday, via Winchester to attend a fly-in and pancake breakfast. Murph revealed that she received the "Great Teacher Award" at the high-school reunion, but said the glory was deflated when she realized she was the only faculty present!

Ann Guillory Hubbard wrote that she enjoys keeping up with our classmates through *MWC Today*, which leads us to drop a not-so-subtle hint that we could all keep up with more of our longtime friends if we heard from more of you through holiday cards or just an occasional note. Ann also sent word of the passing of Dora Harper Hall. When Ann moved to Raleigh, she called Dora who never returned her call, and she was shocked to read an account of Dora's demise in the paper.

Andi Dulany Lyons had a nice surprise when she had a phone call from a voice from her MWC past. Hilda Jones Blakemore, who lives just "up the road" in Springfield, Va., called to touch base and renew auld acquaintance. Hilda said she had planned to attend our 50th reunion, but her husband, Bill, became terminally ill and, sadly, died last year. We are sorry we couldn't have the pleasure of Hilda's company, but more so because she lost her helpmate of so many years. Hilda has two sons and a granddaughter to keep her busy and help her go on with her life. Hilda and Andi were suitemates, along with six others, who lived in Cornell freshman year. **Myrt Thompson Pridgen**, Hilda and Andi graduated with us. Myrt and Andi's cousin/roommate, **Minkie Dulany**, has died, but neither Hilda nor Andi know what happened to the other first friends.

Andi's holidays had to take a back seat last year. Her husband, Keith, was hospitalized for

three weeks just before Thanksgiving with congestive heart failure and complications. Thus, no Christmas cards and annual letter left the Lyons' household in December. This is just to let you know that you were not forgotten but resided in Andi's heart with good thoughts and good wishes for all. Keith was well enough to join Andi's sons, spouses and children on Christmas, all enjoying the festive setting and big family dinner.

One really happy event is that Andi's granddaughter, Andrea, enrolled at MWC last fall and was picked up by the MWC/Community Orchestra. She began playing with them spring semester, wanting to concentrate on the books first semester in order to get a running start for the next four academic years. Chloe, Clay's older daughter, has applied to MWC for this fall. Son Rob said, "Mom, you may be starting a dynasty." Remember, there are more Devenings at home!

Wanting to conclude with an update on our first scholarship recipient, as reported in last issue, we made inquiry of **Dolores "Dee" Ross**, who as co-chair of the Class Scholarship Committee had passed the initial information on to us. Between Dee and the Foundation Office, we finally arrived at the following: The first recipient received our scholarship in 1999, his freshman year, Class of '03. Last fall, the beginning of his sophomore year, he did not meet the criteria for renewing the scholarship. Since one prerequisite is that our scholarship recipient be a Devil (odd-year class), no student in last year's freshman class (even, or Goat) was eligible. Thus, the next recipient will be chosen this fall, 2001, Class of '05! On that happy note, as ever, love from boffus.

1951

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1953

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From Barbara:

Betty Anderson Buck recently moved from Kentucky to Parachute, Colo., to be closer to family. Having enjoyed living in Wyoming and Montana from 1975-87 is another reason Betty is happy to be west again. Even so, she and David were planning a trip east for David's 50th high-school reunion and to visit Betty's sister and friends in the Lexington, Ky., area. After selling "Seawinds" on Nantucket, where she had spent her summers since early childhood, and the house in Virginia, **Nancy Newhall Hulburt** and Harry are very happily ensconced in their new home on Cape Cod. They lived in Virginia for 35 years but are now pleased to be back in the environs of their youth. Another thoroughly enjoying her new location is **Virginia "Ginny" Poole Kinniburgh**. Ginny and John moved only a short distance, from McLean to Falcons Landing in Potomac Falls, Va. They volunteer at the nursing and assisted care wing of Falcons Landing, and Ginny plays the piano during lunch service on Fridays. Son Mark has retired from the Army; he and wife Catherine now live in McLean. Jill and Stuart are still living in Grand Haven, Mich.

"Hekahte's Helper," the one-act children's opera written by **Kathryn "Kitty" Garland Obenshain** has been performed at Radford U. as well as at a number of schools and at the Piccolo Spoleto Festival. Kitty's daughter, **Karen** '78, is now working in Washington, D.C., causing much joy for her parents who now see her more than just once a year. This was the fifth winter Kitty and Ray enjoyed at New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

Michael Howard Swift has joined his big sister Lauren, 3, in bringing great joy to grandmother **Martha Gilbert Smith**. Michael was born in September 2000.

I apologize to **Donna Anderson Gray** for misplacing her news that should have made the last column. However, it sounds just as exciting now as it did then! Donna and Mason traveled to Iguasu Falls and around the Horn of South America. They were also planning a trip to Turkey as of Donna's last communication.

Please write; your classmates love to hear from you.

1955

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1957

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Many thanks to **Lois Todd Lawless** for a copy of her Christmas letter and a personal note besides. LoAnn has moved just two miles from her 30-year residence. She has been weeding through boxes of things collected through the years and has discovered some treasures she didn't even know existed. One was a picture of her mother in a nurse's uniform at age 17. LoAnn recommends that we all start sorting through our things. She runs a business called Home-Buddies, which consists of house-sitting and pet-sitting. She also works 10 to 15 hours a week for the Assistance League of Denver. Her great co-workers make working fun.

LoAnn was interested to read that **Jane Perlman**, her senior year roommate, was on the first boat to Italy after WWII. LoAnn was on the first boat of dependents going to Japan after WWII!

My husband and I understand LoAnn's encouragement about going through things. We had some water damage to our home last June and have been going through attic and basement storage ever since. Charlie and I spent three wonderful weeks in China in spring 2000. If you plan to visit China, go soon. It is a physically exhausting trip, but well worth it. Everything about China is exciting!

1959

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Celeste "Pug" Shipman Kaufman wrote that Alan is still coaching the U. of Alabama golf team — this past fall they ranked no. 6! During the summer they went to the British Open at St. Andrew's and were in Ireland for two and a half weeks. Pug went with Alan to Portland, Ore., for a recruitment trip and saw **Frances "Bunky" Bourke Firth**. They immersed themselves in "30 years of non-stop conversation in two days." Bunky and her family are fine. Pug and Alan took their annual fall trip to the Appalachian State football game in Boone, N.C. They also went to Baton Rouge to the LSU/AL game and their semi-annual trip to New Orleans. They spent most of the summer in Vero Beach, Fla. Sad note — Pug lost her brother-in-law in a freak accident while he was flying a WWII war bird in an air show in Steamboat, Colo. Pug has also spoken to **Joan Essick Woloson** — all is well.

Carmen Culpepper Chappell and John moved into their new steel, concrete, and stone home in June on their 10.5-acre site in Villanova, Pa. Carmen and John spent two weeks in Europe last summer buying antiques. They had a wonderful trip, as usual. They had Christmas with their daughter, Jennifer, and her husband, Doug, and their two daughters. Carmen and John were planning a cruise along the coasts of Spain, Portugal, and France this May.

Martha Huffman Wood begins her first term as president of the VEA-Retired Teachers this year. She will travel the state promoting membership and new chapters. Her daughter, Elizabeth, and her husband, Wendell, live in Granville County, N.C. Their oldest son is in kindergarten and they have three preschoolers. They own a brick mason company. Martha's husband, Eldon, retired from his architectural practice but has kept very busy with the City Planning Commission in Charlottesville. Both are active in their church. Martha provides technical assistance for the university's student choir by driving the van to various destinations in the Eastern U.S. At the first of the year, she and Eldon planned a very busy trip to London and, especially, Harrod's.

Phyllis Hartleb Rowley sent an adorable Christmas picture of her and Jim and their five grandchildren. Their son, Phil, and his wife, Jan, live in San Francisco with their children. Jay and wife Kris are in Atlanta. Dave and Darlene are fine. Phyllis and Jim took a trip abroad last year and a cruise and several jaunts to see the children. They continue their sporting activities of tennis and golf.

Pat Gray Proulx and Dan postponed their European trip due to Dan's bypass surgery in May 2000. Luckily, he made a rapid recovery. Pat saw **Marianne Carrano Raphaely** and Russ in Orlando. They went to Epcot and dinner. In August, all the family went camping in Maine. Pat and Don went on a cruise from Boston to Montreal and loved it. Then, they took grandson, Austin, to New York on a train, and Grandpa took him skating at Rockefeller Center. Wonder who had the most fun? Gray and fiancé Genia will marry in June. She attends Old Dominion U., and Gray is the lead technical specialist for Jackson-Hewett Tax Service.

Mary Massey says that highlights of her year included scenic camping and hiking in the Southeast, Pennsylvania, Cape May in New Jersey, the delightful French Quarter Jazz Fest in New Orleans and a superb naturalist expedition in Alaska for two weeks. Mary and Jack visited his family in Washington state. Next year they plan to visit Barbados and the Naples-Sorrento area of Italy.

Sally Warwick Rayburn returns to Hawaii each spring and to Disneyland. This year also found her and Jim in Germany and checking out plays in London. Dick, their son and his new wife, Angie, have settled in Smithfield, N.C. Both are chefs. They went with Sally and Jim on a Cajun cruise to New Orleans last November. Dick's daughter, Kelly is in third grade and is an avid reader. Jim and Sally closed Guildford Labs. Steve has his own firm, which does consulting and training in lab procedures and methods. His wife, Cindy, is a third-grade teacher. Their daughter, Stephanie, is in middle school and is immersed in dancing. Last December, Steve and Cindy went with Sally and Jim to the Galapagos Islands. Ginny stays busy with Andrew, Samantha, and Sarah Kate. Husband John has a busy construction business and, thanks to hurricanes, many renovations and additions. Bob's children are in middle school in Greensboro. Alan continues with his artistic talents, and Jackie is into

cheerleading and dancing. Jim bought a 76-foot boat — so away they go! They are also moving to a new home.

Irene Piscopo Rodgers logged 150,000 miles this year. She took four trips to Europe, and traveled again to Hawaii and all over the good old U.S. of A. Steamboat Springs saw her during her annual ski trip. In March she and Don took a cruise to South America to celebrate their 30th anniversary. The fjords in Chile, Cape Horn, Faulkland Islands, the coast of Argentina, Montevideo, Buenos Aires, and the magnificent Iguassu Falls that bridge Argentina, Brazil, and Paraguay were all breath-taking. Plus, Irene loved the Magellan penguins! In September she was in Malta and England. She went to the Czech Republic concerning a Morgayni microscope designed there, and then she went to Florence where it was introduced. She has one exciting experience after another! She saw **Anne Watkins Steves** and Bob in Texas in October. They were on their way to a Caribbean cruise. Irene heard from **Joyce Kirby Erlandsen**, whose son, Kirby, presented his third child in November. Joyce had a Thanksgiving turkey dinner for 12 for her family. It went off without a hitch, thanks to daughter Kristen's help. She had planned to spend the Christmas holidays with her sister and her family in New York. Joyce broke several ribs in a fall in November – she has no more interest in driving straight shift in her future cars. Irene wrote that **Carol Ageson Dunigan** and Barry are building a new home in Connecticut. They were hoping it will be completed by May. In January 2000, she and Barry went to San Francisco and Carmel. April found them in Kansas at a giant yard sale at Fort Leavenworth — quite an entertainment — and in September they were in New Hampshire.

Barbara Barndt Miller has two horses — Over the Counter and Steal the Fire — her husband trained which have won many awards this past year. Ralph had a total knee replacement in July and made an excellent recovery. To even things out, Barbara broke her wrist in August. Everything is back to normal, though they did cancel their annual Canadian fishing trip. Fox hunting was in full swing after Thanksgiving. The Bellwood Hunter Trials, where 80 horses competed, were held at their farm. They have five Jack Russell terriers. Their daughter, Ann, is still nursing at the Medical College of Pennsylvania. She loves to travel, went to Jamaica last February and to Germany and Denmark in October.

Nancy Brewer McCarthy's husband, Bunky, is doing great after a bout with cancer. His recovery was remarkable — and he is busy with many house projects.

Marianne Carrano Raphaely's sons and families were together for Christmas. This included five grandchildren. Marianne and Russ traveled a lot this year. In June, Russ delivered a speech in the south of France, and then they went to Ireland as the guests of the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn in their palace for four days. "It was a special experience," wrote Marianne. In October, Russ received the Distinguished Career Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics. They attended the AMA meeting in December and planned to be in the south of France in February and San Diego in March. Marianne continues her many committee activities. She served as the dinner chair for the 100th birthday celebration of the Philadelphia Orchestra that was attended by 1,200 people.

Eleanor Markham Old and Arthur repaired all the damage caused by Hurricane Dennis in their Pt. Harbor, N.C., home. In October she and Arthur attended their 45th high-school reunion in Norfolk at Maury H.S. In April she was at the DAR Continental Congress in D.C. She is the Pennsylvania state chairperson for Vol. Info Spec. and the Pa. Web Mistress. September found her at the state conference in Pittsburgh, where she was elected the state historian. Eleanor works part time at the Pennsylvania Dutch Visitor Bureau. Arthur subs at area vocational schools, teaches flying, is the secretary for Lancaster County Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution and treasurer for the Lancaster Aero Club and Acorn flying group.

Geraldine Jenks Winston sent a Christmas picture of her and Addison, her two sons and families.

A note from **Edith Sheppard Ott** said all is well.

Priscilla Brown Wardlaw wrote that Chris is still in Tokyo, was planning to be home two weeks for Christmas. Rob lives near Pete, so she sees him often.

Julia Coates Littlefield and Maurice retired! They see their grandson, Jack Henry, frequently, since Bess and Mike live in Richmond. Jack Henry, 8, is a very good scholar and athlete. Bess is director of fundraising at J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College. Mike works for the Virginia Municipal League. Julie and Mo's son, Scott, will complete his M.B.A. from William and Mary this spring. He is interviewing for jobs in the investment field. He and his wife, Susan, are expecting their first child in June. Mo enjoys gardening and furniture making, and he and Julie plan to do more traveling.

Joan Wittenmore Loock works at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction as supervisor of business education. Jim is the chief engineer for the Wisconsin Public Service Comm. He earned his private pilot's license. They hope to retire in 2002 and move to Gulf Shores, Ala. They have a condo there but want to build a house. Joan serves as president of the business division for the Association for Career and Technical Education and is still publishing in the area of business education. Their daughter, Mardy, is a camerawoman filming movies and commercials. She lives in Virginia Beach. It is with much sadness that I report that her husband, Kevin, a member of the Blue Angels, was killed in a demonstration last October in Georgia. Curtis, Joan and Jim's son, flies for US Airways. He is thinking about returning to the Navy, where he would pilot F-14s and F-18s. Joan stays in touch with **Edie Weber Staib**. She and Al have a gorgeous home in Hilton Head, where they spend most of the year. Joan also hears from **Marden Ireland Bell**, who has moved to Arizona to be near her children. Joan and Dodie plan to get together with Edie in D.C.

Ann Watkins Steves and Bob stay really busy. In February 2000 they went to Florida to see son Bruce, Janet and children. In March they toured Greece and Turkey. They took many pictures and felt they developed a much better knowledge of this area's history and culture. In May they were in San Antonio for a wedding and then went to Branson for the beauty of it all. In July, Ann and her mother were in Harrisonburg and left for Bob's family reunion in the Poconos. They visited daughter Linda, her husband, Mark, and their children. In August, they flew to Montreal and also visited son Bill in Vermont. He was being interviewed for a job with IBM. In September, they were on a cruise to Puerto Rico. For Thanksgiving, son David and children, and Ann and Bob went to Bruce's home. For Christmas, they planned to be in Florida with David's family. Other than traveling everywhere, Ann has kept busy with volunteer work at her church library and leading Bible studies. Bob has a part-time work schedule that doesn't tire him out but keeps away boredom.

Marcia Phipps Ireland wrote that 2000 was a very good year. She retired but Gary is still working. Cherry Blossom Festival in the spring found them all together at daughter Kris and Greg's house in Northern Virginia. Children Caitlin and Nick were eager to teach their new cousin Larissa, as Marcia says, "all the good stuff." Kent, Daphne and Larissa live in Lawrenceville, N.J.

Charlotte "Charlie" Wohlnick Wiggs and Archie celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary in 2000. Daughter Tracy, husband Andy and children Molly and Anna live in Maryland. Son Alan and girlfriend Gale ran the Marine Corps Marathon last year. They "done good." Charlie and Archie are restoring a 1700 log house in Woodstock, which they had hoped to finish by spring. Charlie continues to run her six-room antique shop. They also attended Archie's 45th high-school reunion at Fairfax H.S. Charlie's family had a reunion in July at Hillcrest Farm in Rustburg, Va. (Hillcrest has been designated a Cent. Farm by the governor of Virginia.) Their last official family reunion was 50 years ago. This time, over 100 people attended. It was quite a "do."

Mary Carolyn Jamison Gwinn and Burt are waiting for the grandparent signal. They would then be Florida-bound to meet their first grandchild. Burt still works for the police department, and Mary Carolyn still substitutes.

Gloria Winslow Borden is still teaching, having fun with friends and traveling. (No new granddaughters — still holding at 12.) Gloria visited Caroline and Mike and family in February, Beth and Dan and family in April, and Cynthia and Rob in April. She toured Eastern Europe in the summer. Caroline and family moved to Watsonville. She and Mike teach at Monte Vista Christian School. Beth and Dan are still with the Jim Elliott Christian School. Cliff and Lynda will leave Monterrey in June and will work in charter schools. Cynthia and Rob moved when he took a new coaching position. Cynthia, Rob, and Gloria were planning a Hawaiian cruise at the end of the year.

Ann Brooks "Brooksie" Coutsoubinas wrote that Spiros is still very active in translating documents and in court sessions when Greek is needed. Ann remains a first-grade teacher in Astoria. She has a small class of 26 this year, 14 of whom are of different nationalities. Gregory is a paramedic for the Midwood Ambulance Corp. in Brooklyn. He lives in Astoria near where Brooksie teaches. Anastasia and her husband live in Plainfield, N.J., and works for the Pearson Co., which was the old Prentice-Hall Publishing. Brooksie's parents are still in Fredericksburg and are doing well.

Virginia is fine. I still miss the joys of teaching but adjusted instantaneously to the lack of papers to grade, faculty meetings, workshops, parent conferences, report cards, etc.

1961

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Our e-mail list is up to 32 now, and everyone has been great about sending me news. Often the messages come unsolicited and are always a pleasant surprise.

Marcia Minton Keech has four lovely grandchildren living close by and still keeps busy with the family real estate development firm in Middleburg and Northern Virginia. Sadly, Marcia lost her mother last year after she lived for several years in the same nursing home with **Sylvia McJilton Woodcock**'s mother in Richmond. Sylvia and Stuart are planning a trip to Scotland in May and June but are currently trying to re-

schedule their return so as not to miss the 40th reunion.

Sara Prosterman Brown successfully nursed her husband, Dwight, through triple-bypass surgery and recovery. She has seven grandchildren who keep her busy along with quilting and walking. Sara is director of research for a healthcare firm in Georgia. **Prudie Shepard** and I thought we were the only worker bees left — an assumption that was proven wrong again and again as the e-mails poured in. Prudie had a great five-day visit with **Barbara Steen Paulman** in Illinois when she went to Barbie's son's wedding. Barbie was on a tour of Natchez recently and ran into **Carol Grant Lemay**, a Natchez historical tour guide. Both immediately recognized each other. Another surprise was to hear from **Debbie Phinney Wylie** and **Brownie Marshall McElroy**, who are planning to attend the reunion in June and are working toward getting Prudie and Barbie there.

Pat Scott Peck took an incredible cruise throughout the ancient world seeing all the places that she teaches her Miami art students about. Pat spends considerable time in D.C. with her much-loved brother, who has suffered several amputations. **Carolyn Crum Pannu** sent an inspiring message with her Christmas letter speaking of the common threads connecting all people and cultures of the world. She continues to work with ELS education in Northern California.

Hank and **Pepper Jacobs Germer** are planning a 100th birthday party in three years for their new home in Jonesboro and are working madly to get it restored in time. Pepper says visits from their two children and far-flung friends are greatly appreciated in remote, rarely visited Arkansas. Since moving to her historic home, **Aggie Welsh Eyster** takes some time from her welding, etching, and quilting her hand-dyed fabrics to become involved with historic association plans to restore the tiny city parks in her neighborhood. She invites all to visit San Antonio, where she and **Jill Cusack Clay** make wonderful tour guides.

Janie Riles has a new Web site for viewing her watercolors — www.hometown.aol.com/janeriles. Janie published a book of her works, *We Live in Chittagong, Bangladesh,* has joined a sailing club and plans to spend the summer in France after a stop at MWC for the reunion. Another busy lady, **Polly Updegraff Champ**, bought a condo in Delray Beach, Fla., where she and Dan volunteer with the Citizens Observer Patrol. She continues to consult post retirement with the Department of Children and Families and as a theatrical stage union steward/dresser when back home in Connecticut. Polly is setting up an endowed scholarship in honor of our 40th.

Judi Early Bidwick spends the year between two homes also — Ocean City, Md., and Venice, Fla. Al and Judi spend their spare time with the Coast Guard Auxiliary searching the ocean off Florida for illegal migrants, oil slicks and illegal dumps from ocean liners. **Judy Saunders Slifer** had hip replacement surgery in early January but was beginning to recover nicely at last report. She plans to make her annual trek to the Mobile Mardi Gras in February. Judy's twin, **Eleanore Saunders Sunderland,** travel agent, is taking their other sister on a trip to Vietnam and Cambodia. Bob, Judy and Eleanore also visited **Peggy Howard Hodgkins** in Maine last fall, and Peggy stayed with Judy in December when she was down for a VIP White House tour. Peggy's mother suffered a stroke while wintering in Georgia, so Peggy has had her hands full running to visit her, grandmothering and with the winter care-taking of properties in Maine. Last summer Peggy, with two broken arms from a fall, was, nevertheless, able to get to Brunswick to see her son, Don, perform in *Titanic*. She is a trooper!

The MWC '50 class agent sent me a glowing and enlightening article from the Monclair, N.J., *Times* on the retirement of Congregational Church senior minister, Rev. Park Dickerson, husband of **Normie Davis Dickerson**. The article said Normie would also be retiring from teaching and that they would be moving back to Virginia to the culturally rich Salem-Roanoke area. **Dee Doran Cairns** is still teaching and enjoys a tranquil, full life in Georgia. She and Doug flew to San Diego last summer for the wedding of nephew Scott, son of Jim and **Patty Carins Hourin**.

World travelers Andy and **Connie Booth Logothetis** millennium partied in Houston with sister **Linkey Booth Green** '63; skied in Switzerland; attended school reunions in Iowa and Greece; RVed to Niagara Falls, Canada and Michigan; and toured France for a month. Daughter Elaine has moved back to the East Coast, so this year's plans are for Wilmington, N.C., and our reunion. Bill and **Ellen Gotwalt Willing** also have the travel bug. Last year's visits included their annual trek to Florida; a Navy reunion in Vicksburg, Miss.; another in Charleston, S.C.; and a cruise tour on the Danube through Austria, Hungary, Slovakia and Germany, but Ellen claims her biggest joy is caring for her grandson.

Lynn McCarthy keeps up with many '61ers. She is almost ready for her genealogy book to be published and is currently "up to her ears" in a special study of the 1880 census with the Kentucky network of professional genealogists, which she co-founded in 1999. Lynn heard from **Betsy Ottley Taggart**, who retired in '99, and last year visited Nepal, rode elephants and saw a rare Bengal Tiger. Last summer she gathered up her grandchildren in Germany and brought them home to Wyoming for the summer. Lynn also keeps up with **Becky Paris Spetz**, who tutors math students and hikes the Appalachian Trail with women friends. Now that Wayne has retired, they plan to travel more, first to Southern France, and then with **Becky Young-Butler Guy**, who keeps the home fires burning in Fredericksburg, where she works hard at the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. Lynn also received Christmas messages from **Jane Hoffman**, **Marg Gilfoyle Powell**, **Nancy Wright Wright** and **Joan Gibson Lippold**, all of whom spoke of trying to attend our 40th.

Lynn writes beautifully and has shared with many of us in the e-mail loop. She has written a lovely tribute to **Ann Elekes Nichols**, our classmate that we lost last summer to cancer, which she will bring to the reunion.

Classmate and distinguished poet **Kelly Cherry** had quite a year in 2000. Not only was she honored by Mary Washington with a distinguished alumnus award, but she also moved back to the south and married author Burke Davis III. I'm sure you all read Kelly's eloquent and moving tribute to her education at MWC in the fall 2000 *MWC Today*. **Graham Walker Burns** wrote that she was able to visit briefly with Kelly when in Chattanooga on a speaking engagement. Graham gained membership in the Chattanooga Premier Club for her outstanding real estate sales record — while keeping track of her huge family. Graham also sent news that **Nancy Driskill** (now) **Culpepper** has remarried and lives in Kitty Hawk, N.C.

Lloyd Tilton Backstrom has had a busy year resettling her sister, **Cary Tilton Doyle** '60, back in Richmond after the loss of her husband, caring for their mom in Richmond and the usual rounds of skiing trips. Dick and I spent four weeks back east last summer helping both kids fix up their places in North Carolina and New York City. We just missed Lloyd and Art, who were off to Carmel but had a great time with Sandy and **Lynne Williams Neave** in New York. The Neaves now have a grandchild in London and two moving to San Francisco, so they are kept busy traveling between there and their new condo in Florida, where they are trying to spend as much time as possible out of the New York City hustle and bustle.

I continue to work at CSU Northridge and, as a side perk to working in the theatre department, had my acting debut last year, if you don't count "The Naughty Lass" in '57-'58. I did a six-minute scene as a favor to a student and have never worked so hard in my life. I newly appreciate my son and daughter-in-law's profession.

We three class agents will all be in Fredericksburg in June and are all looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion.

1963

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Rebecca "Becky" Tubbs Nunn has written *The Magnolia Ball*, published by Writers' Club Press in November 2000. A fictional work, the book provides a fascinating and witty tongue-in-cheek trek through Dixie with all of the South's foibles, foods, estates, traditions, and genteel poverty. The book is available on the Internet at www.barnesandnoble.com and at www.amazon.com. Becky lives in Raleigh, N.C., and Kilmarnock, Va., with her husband, Spike, a retired American Airlines' pilot, and her two Shelties, Mike and Cluny. Her daughter, Ashley, is in India studying holistic medicine. Dash, her 18-year-old son, was killed in New York City in 1987 while a second-year student at Parsons' School of Design.

1967

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From Betty:

Look for news of our 30th reunion in the next issue. My fellow reunion committee members did not send me any actual news of themselves,

but I will tell you what I know. **Karen Laino** is stationed in Germany with the U.S. Navy. **Bryn Irving Roth** and Dick live in Stafford County, Va., and Bryn has a grown son, Jason Winn. **Doris Lee Hancock** lives in Virginia and has four children, two of whom are in college. I live in Fredericksburg and work at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library. **Randy** '75 and I have two daughters: Janet is a sophomore at Randolph-Macon College, and Robin is a junior at James Monroe High School. We are not looking forward once again to the unique form of torture known as choosing a college.

Now for news from the wonderful classmates who wrote to me!

Mary Anne Burns has a new job in a beach community in Ventura County, Calif., and commutes to the mountains on weekends. Her project is to "migrate historical data of nearly 50 years to the latest technologies, including the Internet." Her companion, Maureen, enjoys her retirement and may move closer to the beach. Their family unit includes three dogs and a cat. Mary Anne writes, "I am thoroughly gray/silver now and do look the matron, although I am very fit!"

Mary Smith Carson and Roger have their own consulting business. Mary reported that it's fun working together after being married for 42 years. Their daughter, Cheryl, who was born during Mary's years at MWC, is senior executive producer of FOX TV-11 in Los Angeles. Their son, Brett, is with MCI WorldCom and lives in the Leesburg, Va., area with his family; Richard is in Colorado Springs with his family. The Carsons enjoy skiing and scuba diving. Mary wrote, "We travel a lot because of work and our spread-out family. The four grandchildren think that the mail person is one of their grandparents!" Mary earned her MBA from Marymount University and now serves on the graduate school's board of trustees.

Susan Stumpf-Hebert and Jim look forward to the reunion. Jim is a Civil War history buff, and they previously enjoyed visiting the Fredericksburg battlefields. Susan is principal systems engineer for Lotus Professional Services in the Boston area.

Patricia Brown Reedy has been married 26 years to John. They have two daughters, **Robin** '01 and **Melissa** '02. Patricia is starting her 29th year as a civilian with the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Dahlgren. The Reedys help with the local MWC alumni chapter's fundraising efforts and are on the parents' council for MWC. For the year 2001, Patricia is planning to write a family history.

Since November, **Chris Hollis** has been in Albuquerque, N.M., where she is manager of the prevention research center at the U. of New Mexico. Among other responsibilities, Chris is directly involved in evaluating a new media literacy program focused on health topics for grades K-12. She enjoyed seeing the holidays celebrated in Old Town Albuquerque and invites her friends to visit her and enjoy the Southwest!

Stevi Smith Moore and **Bill** '73 have become empty nesters again! Their son, Willy, who lived at home for a while after graduating from college, has moved into his own apartment. Their daughter, Shannon, is married and lives in Nashville. Stevi has returned to the real estate business.

Virginia "Ginny" Forrest Karnas and Fred live in Arlington, Va. Ginny is a nurse at a medical recovery facility for the homeless, and Fred is director of the National Coalition for the Homeless. Their daughter, Lindsey, lives in Arizona, works at an insurance company and has marriage plans. Anna is at Tulane U. majoring in studio art.

Helen Marocchi Iwanik moved back to Fredericksburg in December. Her husband, Paul, is a pharmacist for CVS. Her daughter, **Johanna Lunglhofer**, is a freshman at MWC. Her son, Jon Lunglhofer, is a lieutenant in the Navy and is teaching at the Naval Academy. He and his wife were expecting Helen's first grandchild, a boy, at the end of February. Her younger son, Jeff Lunglhofer, is a U.Va. graduate and is an associate with Booz-Allen & Hamilton in San Diego. Helen is in touch with **Kathy Templin Riddle** and **Marie Lunsford Pfancuff**, both 1971 graduates, as well as **Mary Davidson Frogale** and **Libby Musser McLellan**, who were in the class but did not graduate with us. All are well and live in Northern Virginia except Linda, who lives in California.

Donna Griffin Cote is director of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library in Fredericksburg. She was surprised to learn that she was on the lost list, as she has lived in Fredericksburg ever since graduation!

Mary Weaver Mann and Jim live in Fredericksburg and have almost recovered from the wedding of their son, Geoff. Emily is at Mary Baldwin College, and Zephyr is in seventh grade.

Betty Whichard Robinson and Jim live in Lynchburg but may be somewhere else by the time you read this. After earning a B.A. in history from MWC, Betty earned a B.A. in computer science, a B.B.A. in accounting and an M.B.A. while in San Antonio. She has worked in computer training/troubleshooting and is now a self-employed consultant. Jim is an actuary and C.P.A. temporarily on a consulting assignment for John Hancock Insurance in Boston. Both Robinsons enjoy running, reading, tennis, skiing and travel.

Janet Sisk Horne teaches communications at Salisbury State U. in Maryland.

Kathy Templin Riddle and Wayne live in Arlington. Kathy works at the Department of Justice, and Wayne works at the Library of Congress. Their son, Peter, graduated from William and Mary and works for an environmental services consulting firm in Silver Spring, Md. His wife is a medical student at Johns Hopkins. Philip is a freshman at U.Va. in the five-year M.Ed. program.

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From Deb:

First, I must apologize for not getting the news from the reunion in on time. I returned from the reunion to a series of family incidents and crises starting with a car accident involving my son the day after school ended, to his graduation, to a major restructuring of my daughter's summer involving summer school. It was not a good month!

One of the things that took place at the reunion was all of those who attended taking a turn to bring everyone up to date on where they were and what they were doing. Unfortunately, the notebook in which I wrote all of that down has also disappeared. So, if you were at the reunion, please mail or e-mail me your information so that I can get it into the next class update. Thanks. And if you weren't at the reunion, please mail or e-mail me as to where you are and what you are up to, and I will get that in as well.

In addition, please visit the class alumni website at http://mwc75.tripod.com/mwc74.htm. I will post your information there as well — and I can post photos, if you would like to send them.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

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From Lori:

Glenis Riegert Pittman resigned her job at the American Bankers Association in May '99 to be a stay-at-home mom to Andrew and Adam. They moved to Centreville, Va., to be closer to her husband, Ken's, job. Glenis really enjoys being a homemaker. The boys enjoy soccer and a more relaxed lifestyle.

Kristine Crofford Pruitt still stays home with her boys. She's very busy singing with her ensemble, as well. They recently recorded their first CD, which was a lot of fun and a great experience. They've adopted a stray kitten, which they've named Millie for the millennium!

Katie Kulp Jones is a library media specialist at a middle school in Roanoke and loves it! Her oldest daughter, a high-school junior, will be looking at colleges this spring; Katie plans to show her the beautiful Mary Washington campus.

Audrey Komito Thomson had a busy year last year, which included moving into a new house in Richmond, Va., in January; a spring trip to Munich, Germany, and Salzburg, Austria, with husband Gordon and children Bailey and Nathan; and a trip to New England last summer. Gordon, a commercial airline pilot, recently transitioned from the 777 and overseas routes to domestic routes as a 737-300 captain. The whole family stays very busy with numerous activities and ministries at River Road Church.

By now, you all know that our 20th reunion is the first weekend in June. I hope many of you will attend. It promises to be a great weekend! See you there!

1983

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From Marcia:

Teresa Childers Peterson and husband Mark have been on some marvelous vacations this past year, traveling to Amsterdam, Phoenix, Sedona, Long Beach and Wisconsin, among others. Christmas 2000 they were to travel to Colorado, but Teresa fractured her hip in a fall and had partial hip replacement. Using a walker for six weeks put a crimp in their usual get-up-and-go style. Fear not, however, the kayak they bought for Christmas was put to use in the spring.

Nancy Carroll McDaniel and family live in the Bahamas. Nancy married another MWC grad, **Bruce McDaniel**, in 1986. Intending to only visit, Nancy ended up accepting a teaching post at Hope Town All-Age School on Elbow Cay in the Abacos, Bahamas. Although they planned to return to their home in Fredericksburg eventually, a chance meeting with a man developing a resort on another small island, Great Guana Cay, led them to remain in partnership and to run Dolphin Beach Resort. They have two children and the entire family is enjoying the island paradise. Nancy says that the children are growing up with no Toys R Us, no malls and big imaginations! There are no cars on their island — they use golf carts. Sounds like a peaceful existence.

Ann Marie Clark Lockhart and husband Malcolm celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary with a trip, sans children, to Abacos Islands in the Bahamas (wonder if they ran into Nancy) in April 2000. Ann's 40th birthday (it seems like so many of us are hitting that milestone) found them in New Orleans. Ann gave birth to twins Paul and Claire in July 1999, to join brother Neal, so she has her hands full with motherhood.

Vicki Rudacille Davison lost her father in May 2000 to prostate cancer. Vicki and her father were very close, and she lunched daily with her parents on their farm, very close to her house. Husband Darryl is the manager of the computer department in a local hospital and farms his family's farm as well as her family's farm. Vicki volunteers at son Aron's school and teaches Sunday school.

After 12 years at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, **Estie Corey Thomas** took a new job with the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, where she works on land preservation and conservation easements. Estie is now working from a home office, giving her flexibility to volunteer at the children's school and at church as well as tending the garden at home. Son Clay enjoys kindergarten and is an avid soccer player. Daughter Anna Brooks attends preschool. Estie's husband, Mike, is now a captain in the Navy Reserve as assistant chief of staff of planning and policy for logistics task force Atlantic. He served his active duty in Lisbon last year, and on his next active duty hopes to get to Germany, where he plans to visit relatives and friends near Stuttgart and Munich.

In November 2000 an historic preservation student at MWC contacted me for information and wanted to interview an '83 graduate by the name of **Scott Harris**. I called Scott, and we caught up with each other's lives and families. Scott has been very busy in his field and has returned to MWC as an adjunct professor. He also helps evaluate museums across the country. Five years ago, Scott became director of the Manassas Museum System. Additionally, under his direction $3 million of a $5 million capital campaign has already been secured. Great going, Scott!

Gail Vermilyea Cherochak reported completing 20 years of federal government service, working mostly in applied sciences. She's now a technical editor and Web site manager. On the home front, she's been a wife and step-mom for 14 years and does free-lance desktop publishing and editing for small businesses and nonprofits. She had a great visit with former roommate, **Susan Knowles Alcorn**, in Virginia Beach in spring 2000.

Dan Kelly lives in Oxford, N.C., where he teaches middle- and high-school students geography, history and government at the Kerr-Vance Academy. Daughter Meghan attends the same school. In 1994 Dan went on active duty in the Marine Corps and then went back to MWC for a semester. From there, he worked in personal protection and then as an analyst for the military before becoming a teacher. Currently, he is a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve and has traveled to the Persian Gulf, Somalia, Cuba and Kosovo in support of real world operations. He hopes to make it to the next MWC reunion.

Kathie Enfield Jerow added a third daughter, Christena Nicole, to her family. Kathie is still with Satotravel, working with the U.S. Secret Service out of Alexandria part time. Husband Tim is employed with the Department of Commerce. Tim underwent aortic valve replacement in summer '99. Kathie stays in touch with **Cheryl Whittaker May** and hubby in Oxnard, Calif., and **Mollie Joynes Baker**, who lives in New Jersey with her Navy hubby and children.

Ann Reamy Butts was working as a paralegal and social worker until she had her first child, Remy Whitfield, in summer 2000. Ann's husband, Charles, is an attorney, and they live in Southill, Va.

Martha Weber Jaffe resides in Gaithersburg, Md., with hubby Jed and sons Logan and Dylan. Martha works part time and enjoys being with her children. She stays in shape by working out.

Cindi Pelter Manning married husband Spencer on New Year's Eve 1994. Son Seth came along in November 1996 while they were stationed in Honolulu. They now live in Fredericksburg, and Cindy is a corporate officer for an Internet solutions and electronic commerce company in Vienna, Va. Spencer will retire from the Navy in September 2001.

Susie Leavitt is still in D.C., combining her Wall Street trading skills and her international graduate degree selling real estate. Spare time is spent sailing and teaching aerobics. During one of **Monica Rastallis Cashin**'s visits, Susie and Monica watched Anthony Hopkins filming in Union Station.

Mabel Royal sent an update saying her company, Covance, is selling a couple of divisions, with hers being one of those divisions. She is hoping a strong company buys them so she won't have to go job hunting. Mabel is currently a scientist in the analytical methods development group, developing methods for analysis for the drugs they manufacture.

Betty Brown Isaacs enjoys living in Somerset, Ky. She remembers going back to MWC at age 45 and being part of the first graduating class in the BLS program. She said she was so lucky to have Dr. Merchant as her advisor. She worked 10 years at the Naval Space Command before retiring.

Pat Garnett Brooks is the in-house counsel at Towers Perrin, a management-consulting firm in Philadelphia. She is also the proud mom of Steve, who got his degree in forestry from VPI in May 2000. He is now working for a tree service in Virginia Beach, Va., and is engaged to Kim, another VPI graduate in turf management.

As for me, my mid-life crisis is showing its colors. 2000 saw me break two toes and a finger as well as having a lump removed from my breast — thankfully, it was benign. Son Tommy was in a sledding accident and wrenched his back. Husband Tom is the medical director of Humana in Kentucky and still takes weekend call — he has had placement on some national committees and serves on the hospice board. Having finished my year as president of the Jefferson County Medical Society Alliance, I was asked to serve on the Kentucky Medical Society Alliance board — when will I learn to say "no?" And, just like many of you, I am asked to serve on school and church committees.

That's the news for now. Keep those cards, letters and e-mails coming!

1985

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(Ed. note: We regret to report that **Laura Leigh Woodruff Lumpkin** has passed on, news that was received after Class Notes were written.)

Laura lived in Fredericksburg with her husband of 13 years, Todd, and their twins, Michael and Katelyn. Laura was a medical technologist at Mary Washington Hospital. Laura held the position of project chair with the Fredericksburg Chapter of the MWC Alumni Association for the last four years and really enjoyed being involved.

Monique Gormont Mobley and her husband, Scott, live in Norfolk, Va., with their two children, Sean and Lauren. The Navy life has been good to the Mobleys, although being in the military means being on the move. Scott was preparing to deploy to the Persian Gulf on the *USS Harry S. Truman* for six months at the end of November 2000. In her free time, Monique works on a photo scrapbook and takes power walks to keep her sanity.

Glenn Birch and his wife, Ellen, have moved to Ashland, Va., where Ellen is the director of music at their church, Duncan Memorial United Methodist. They have been happily married for 10 years. Glenn continues his work as the director of communication for Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, where he has been employed for three years. He keeps busy managing a staff, as well as writing, editing and doing graphic design for publications, media relations, and Web page design and maintenance.

We also heard from **Marianna Rixey Scott** and her husband, **Mark Scott** '84. They celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary in November 2000. They have two children, Maggie and Lauren, and a third daughter was due in early January 2001. Marianna and Mark work for the same company, Lakeland Tours, where she works part time as the assistant personnel director, and Mark works in sales.

James Ronan has been happily married to **Melissa Palmatory Ronan** '84 since March 1987. After moving from Fredericksburg to Tucson, Ariz., the Ronans now reside in Missouri where they both work for the U. of Missouri in Columbia. Although they have no children, James and Melissa consider their cat, Pauline, to be their third family member. James and Melissa have also traveled extensively to such destinations as Argentina, Brazil, the Netherlands, Belgium, England, France, Germany and South Africa. They have also seen much of the United States. Congratulations to James; he became a United States citizen in June 2000.

Charlotte James Young has been married to her husband, Phil, for 10 years, and they have a beautiful daughter, Caroline Elizabeth. She left her job as an assistant principal at Loudoun County Public Schools and now spends her time with Caroline and running her own tutoring business, Tutor to Success Inc., where she works with elementary-aged students and hires tutors to work as independent contractors. She enjoys the flexibility of being with Caroline and working part-time. Her husband is a business teacher in

Fairfax County and is in graduate school pursuing a degree in sports management. Thank you, Charlotte, for being our class agent for the past five years. You did a wonderful job!

Patti "Winne" Varner lives in Grandview, Ind. Patti teaches first grade near Santa Claus, Ind. It's nice to know that a fellow alumna lives so close!

Rebecca Berry Kalibat is working for American Airlines based in New York. She has been a flight attendant for 12 years and wouldn't trade it for anything, saying that it's the "best job ever." She has been married to Peter, a dentist, for 11 years and lives in Princeton, N.J. They have three children: Kristina, Natalie and Peter.

Kaye Bost Pennock has been married for 15 years to Rick. They make their home in Fredericksburg and have two children, son Kyle and daughter Lauryn. Rick is a lieutenant with the Fredericksburg City Police Department, and she has been the deputy clerk of Stafford County Public Schools for the past 10 years.

Mary Ruth Venditti keeps busy as a nursery school Bible teacher, Junior Girl Scout leader, freelance writer, editor for a trade association, and, most important, as a mom. Husband Joseph is a software engineer for Hadron, and in his free time is an EMT, a Red Cross disaster and health services volunteer and a first aid Explorer advisor and instructor. They have three children: Teresa, Christina and Michael.

Julie Labat Wolfe is happily married to Paul, and they have two children, Molly and David. Julie is a first-grade teacher for the city of York, Pa. She loves being a mom and has been at home on leave for this school year.

David G. Foster is the executive director of the American Cave Conservation Association Inc. in Horse Cave, Ky. David sent some fascinating information on the work he has been doing in the area of cave conservation. His most recent project has been the rebirth of the Hidden River Cave through collaboration between the Horse Cave leaders, his organization and a $500,000 federal grant. The association hopes to double the size of the museum and expand its mission of educating people on a national level about the need to protect our delicate cave regions. David says that the association will have a write-up on their project in an upcoming *Reader's Digest* issue that will be coming out sometime in 2001.

That's it from me. Thank you all for keeping me informed, and I hope to hear from more of you in the future.

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From Cheryl:

Stacey Werling is back in Maryland but was still waiting to move into a new apartment. She said that her work has been very busy and that she is also taking an M.B.A.-level economics course. She joked that if she keeps going at that rate, she'll have an M.B.A. in just 7 years.

Victoria DeRose ran into **Ken Plaia** '88 in their home state of New York. Ken is back on Long Island and is again in the restaurant business; I guess that means that he has left the field of genetics. (Of course, a letter from Ken would clear things right up.)

I got a nice long e-mail from **Lee Anne Kelm Zajicek**, who is living in California with her husband Rich, two young daughters and lots and lots of pets. She also has four older stepchildren and a young grandchild from Rich's first marriage. Lee Anne has been working since college in a few related areas: security management, labor relations and management support (including security and financial management). She worked toward a master's degree in forensic science/security management for a year after leaving MWC, and later was planning on law school when she found out she was pregnant with her first child. Lee Anne and Rich lived in Annapolis and Philadelphia before moving to the Point Loma area of San Diego. Her husband, a former Naval officer who recently retired from the service, is now a vice president for a software systems company. Lee Anne has been keeping busy homeschooling their two girls, growing roses, and doing some work as a consultant. She wrote later to say that she had some more news — she was expecting twins in spring 2001. Lee Anne has run into a few MWC grads on the west coast, and she had a visit from **Mary Monahan Joyner**, her boyfriend, Lee, and her daughter Lindsay in April 2000. Mary lives in Chester, Va., and has a great career going in the environmental safety field working for International Paper in Wakefield.

Nimesh Shah is in a position to give Lee Anne a word of advice, as he and his wife, Regina, and daughter Maya welcomed twins (a boy and a girl, Vijay and Avani), both weighing over seven pounds, in August 2000. Nimesh, back in Northern Virginia after over a year in Texas, is thankful to be around family again. He said that his dad has volunteered to come over and hold the babies.

On the local front, I ran into **Steve Hu** last summer when he was playing with the Fredericksburg area big band; they were putting on a free concert in the outdoor farmers' market area downtown.

I ran into **Heidi Reszies Lewis** '86 again and was amazed to see how tall her youngest, a girl, has grown in the last few years. Heidi has been busy being a mom and had spent a good deal of time helping to market and promote an arts festival in downtown Fredericksburg. She told me the very sad news that **Susan Mulholland Breedin** '86 passed away from breast cancer in spring 2000 after battling the disease for several years. Susan's husband, **David Breedin**, and their two daughters still live in Fredericksburg, where Susan had worked part time as an adjunct faculty member with the MWC drama department and also taught dance, and where David is supervising the construction at the new MWC campus sites.

1989

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From Sharon:

Leighann Scott Boland is kind enough to keep feeding me e-mails as she learns of any updates with our classmates. Leighann and her husband were expecting a baby boy in May — their third child in four years! Leighann is still working at the Virginia Museum. She loves keeping in contact with all the museum geeks. She and **Samantha Pillar Ellis** '91 went to the Montpelier Hunt Races in November and had a husband/child-free day in Orange County — a real blast! Leighann reports that:

Eileen Burke is engaged. **Morgan Webb Ruby**, husband Greg and son Spencer welcomed their second child, a little girl, in August. They still live in Charleston, about 10 minutes from the beach!

Page Swartz Buehren and her family moved into a new home they built in Rockville, Va. Page is still working part time for GE. Her husband, Joe, is self-employed, and they have two sons, Nicholas and Joseph.

In June, **Beth Mazza Robertson** gave birth to a son, James Henry Robertson IV (Henry).

Over the holidays, I was so glad to see or talk to several of my MWC buddies. **Margaret Turpin Bachman** still lives in Smithfield, Va. She and her husband, Brandon, have a daughter and twin boys. **Jennifer Madison Smith** gave birth to her second son, Tommy, just before Christmas. Jennifer, Tim, Tyler and Tommy live in Franklin, Mass., just outside of Boston.

Tina Barnes Garrison gave birth to her second daughter, Allie Barnes Garrison, just before Thanksgiving. Tina, Lee, Carter and Allie live in Spotsylvania, having recently relocated there from Fredericksburg.

Just before New Year's, my husband, Jim, and I met **Sharon Hess Ackerson** and her husband, Doug, for brunch in Richmond. We chowed down on homemade biscuits and "big fancy" grits. We've vowed to get together to do Carytown soon!

Sarah Daffron Koon, husband Dave and their beautiful daughter, Hannah, were in Richmond with their families over the holidays. I was so glad they were able to make it to our New Year's Day Gator Bowl celebration! Sarah and family live in Terre Haute, Ind., but were very hopeful that they would be moving back to Richmond in the spring.

Congratulations to **Sandra Joyner Williams** for finishing her M.B.A. in December! Sandra is living in Burke, Va., with her husband, Eric, and their son, Nicholas. She and I recently met in Fredericksburg and had lunch at Sammy T's. The house salad with lemon tahini dressing and the onion rings are still just as good as they were in the good old days!

I still live in the north side of Richmond and work for a direct response marketing agency. I enjoy working out and doing some fun home improvement projects with my husband. I'm also looking forward to my first book club meeting this month and cannot wait for warm weather to arrive!

To my fellow classmates: please send me updates about what you're doing these days. I'd love to hear from you! You might grow tired of reading about the same small circle of people I keep writing about!

1991

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Hey everyone! Sorry if things have been missing in the last couple of *MWC Today* magazines. I have been a little negligent in my duties! I apologize. I have gotten a few e-mails with some great updates on fellow classmates, so I will dig right in.

2000 brought a lot of new babies. **Stephanie Smythers Carr** and her husband welcomed baby boy Jackson in June. **Molly Brown Phelps** and husband welcomed baby girl Mikayla in December 1999. Molly is now enjoying herself as a stay-at-home mom. **Mindy Montgomery Wiegers** and her husband, Les, also welcomed a baby girl in August 2000. **Cori Tilton Lewis** and husband Ralph had their first son, Griffin, in March. Ralph works as a physical therapist,

and Cori is a veterinarian in Charlottesville, Va. **Mike Chrvala** '90 and **Erin Kelly Chrvala** had a baby boy in July. **Lisa Williamson Dargay** and her husband welcomed Luke in March, as well. I am sure there were many more future MWC grads born in 2000, but that is all that I know of so far.

Deanna Toten-Beard is completing her doctoral degree in theatre history, dramatic literature and theory at Indiana U. in Bloomington. She is married and has two kids — a girl and a boy. She plans to graduate in spring 2001 with a Ph.D. and will be teaching at the university level. **Dia Quillen Hablutzel** also sent updates. She is still at Queens College in Rock Hill, S.C., and is working as an advisor to graduate students. She also taught her first American studies class to adult undergrads, and she worked with the MWC admissions office to help recruit in the Charlotte area. **Courtney Wait Speer** lives in Charlotte with her husband, Greg, and tries to attend MWC alumni chapter events with Dia. **Cathy Pond** and **Eric Cunningham** live in Richmond, Va., where Cathy is a high-school special ed teacher and Eric does programming for Capital One. **Nicole Laporte** lives in Arlington, Va., and works in government relations for the Steel Service Center Institute. Dia also heard from **Mark Micozzi**, who was planning to graduate in May 2000 with a Ph.D. in geography from the U. of Oklahoma.

The Class of 1991 also added a couple of former classmates to the working ranks of the MWC development office. **Jeff Rountree** and **Danielle Masters Szenas** can now be found hanging out around the ol' campus! Danielle was also expecting her first child in April 2001.

In August I got a lengthy e-mail from **Ellen McCrary-Mayer**, who really seems to keep in touch with many of her friends from MWC. I hope I get it all in! Ellen finished her doctorate in clinical psychology and works for a community mental health center doing court-ordered evaluations. **Laura Myers Kanter** is a mental health professional working with grieving children and adolescents and their families. **Debby Sullivan Kelly** continues to teach teen writing classes. Erin Kelly Chrvala works with Johns Hopkins U. as an educational consultant. Mike Chrvala is a history teacher. **John Kelly** is working for a major bookstore and **Geoff Mayer** continues his job as a firefighter. **Mike Egan** is in New Hampshire and works for an educational testing service.

Todd and I were expecting our second child in March and have been busy getting our basement finished so that we have room for our new bundle of joy! I am still in D.C., and Todd is still teaching and coaching at Culpeper County High School. His football team made it to the regional playoffs this year, and he is hoping his baseball team can go as far!

I think I have covered all the information I received. I have really enjoyed being the contact person for the class notes for the last five years. I hope the person who takes the reins for the next five enjoys it as much as I have.

1993

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It's amazing to see how far everyone has come over these past eight years. Can you believe that it's been so long? I hope that everyone forgets, like I do, that they're over 21. Let's see what everyone is doing.

John Anstey said that he and **Kara Matala** '94 are doing well in Roanoke. John hangs his hat at the O'Connor Group, a Roanoke-based advertising PR firm, and Kara is completing her residency with the Carilion Health System. During John's off-hours, he serves as a Big Brother and is an officer of the local Public Relations Society of America chapter. John wrote that he has spent some time skiing with **Coby Frye**, **Keith Park**, and **Warren Fischi**. Coby is now an award-winning banker for BB&T in North Carolina. Keith is doing equally as well and is getting ready to move into his huge new home outside of Winchester. Lastly, Warren is a recent M.B.A. grad and works for an insurance brokerage firm in Richmond. John says that they are all, unbelievably, unmarried!

Cliff Jordan is on his way to Miami to get a tan and settle into his new job. He spent Christmas and New Year's in Rio de Janeiro. **Jennifer Malos** still works for Dominion Semiconductor in Manassas. She's working on projects to make new PlayStations, digital cameras and MP3 players run faster! Jennifer is also house hunting. **Eric Dawson** recently saw **Evan Reynolds** '92, who was visiting from his home in Georgia. Evan is married, works for a networks security company and keeps house with two dogs. Eric, wife Chris and Jennifer were able to ring in the New Year together.

One person who is always keeping busy is **Jennifer Williams**. Jennifer is the development coordinator for the City of Newport News' department of museums and historic services. This means that she is responsible for finding funding for all of the city's Civil War museums. Jennifer is still pursuing the prerequisites to get her master's in physical therapy and has begun some free-lance writing.

At the time of her e-mail, **Karen Staples Jones** was patiently awaiting the birth of her first child, due in late January. Karen and her husband plan to name the baby Karen Grace. **Rob Puterio** continues to teach high school in Loudoun County. Rob and his wife are enjoying their first child, Jacob, born in April 2000. **Rob Teweles** is still at Lakeland Tours in Charlottesville. Wife **Allison Andrews Teweles** '95 managed to survive the Value America debacle and now works for U.Va.'s McIntire School of Commerce in corporate relations. Rob and Allison are interested in getting together with any other MWC grads who are in the Charlottesville area.

Sandy McCaffity Lyle was snowed in. Actually she was on snow watch until April with her employer VMS Inc. We had another wedding in 2000 — **Jen Studt** wed Michael Schimmenti in September. They were married in Alexandria and spent their honeymoon traveling throughout Italy. Jen experienced not only a new partnership but also a new job. She is now a meeting planner for the Nature Conservancy, where she expects to be doing quite a lot of traveling.

Jen added that **Karen Smith Clerici** and **Lori Fitzgerald Louden** are expecting. Congratulations! **Allison Hight McCue** is now working for KPMG. **Elizabeth Bowen Jones** asked me to make a correction — her husband's business is in Montross and not West Point. She added that her children, Jared and Michaela, are growing fast. She's still with the Westmoreland County Department of Social Services, where she recently began a program for the elderly called the Care Package Program. Elizabeth's program gives out blankets, linens, personal items and pet care items to those who are on a fixed income.

It's a boy! Charles Melville Rowland III was brought into Charlie and **Tracy Young Rowlands**' lives in November 2000. Tracy gave high compliments to Charlie, her labor coach.

I was so happy to hear from a long lost buddy (when I say long lost, I can go back all the way to Woodbrook Elementary!), **Harriet Greenlee**. Harriet now teaches seventh and eighth grades at an inner-city Catholic school in Minneapolis. Her significant other, Robert, is a programmer, and they have a loveable Lab named Andy. Besides running in marathons, juggling, playing the violin, and riding her unicycle, Harriet is taking flying lessons. Man, she needs to market that energy!

Another old friend to many, **James Smith** is now with the Human Rights Campaign. He took over one of their event planning positions for the North Eastern division. **Brian Donaghy** '94 and **Whitney Hall Donaghy** have moved again. They're now in Manassas.

Aimee Cooper has gone back to school to earn her master's degree. She's studying publications design at the U. of Baltimore. Aimee wrote that she, **Jean Sudlow Simpson** and **Cheryl Roberts** convened at Rob and Allison Teweles' home in Charlottesville over the summer. They all took a walk over to U.Va.'s campus and agreed that no campus is more beautiful than our dear MWC. Cheryl is starting her second year of law school at the U. of Richmond, where she has been joined by **Devon Williams**. Jean is still working for USA Today.

Inger Brown Maslin married Jim in October, and they live in Annandale. **Diane Newcomb Easter** had a baby boy, Daniel. They live in Amelia, and she works for the Richmond Symphony. **Carolyn Herndon** married Andrew Ewers in south Australia in November. **Leann Vernon** was a bridesmaid. Carolyn and Andrew live on Kangaroo Island!

Tammy White still lives in Washington and has recently joined **Laura Cavallini Young** and **Stacy Freed** at AOL-Time Warner. She's now an online content programmer. **Nilou Tavassoli** continues to live and work in Northern Virginia. And **Jody Smith**, snug in her new home, continues to mold the lives of seventh-graders on Long Island. Tammy, Nilou and Jody all participated in a mini-reunion at my house this past winter. We had fun talking about the good ole days into the wee hours.

For Pratt and myself, we're just enjoying the antics of our crazy Lab, Bena. I've started running (ok, please pick yourself off the floor, it's not that funny), and have done quite well in two races. I'm not up to Harriet Greenlee status, but one can always dream! We rang in the New Year with some skiing in West Virginia and are looking forward to seeing friends throughout the year.

Don't forget — if you move, let MWC know; if you change your e-mail address, let me know. And please keep in touch!

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From Amy:

Our thoughts are with the family of our classmate **Rachel Jones**, who passed away last summer after a battle with cancer. Her mother sent me a note and said that Rachel had been living in Virginia when she was diagnosed with lung cancer the previous February. Despite aggressive treatment, the cancer spread quickly. Her family brought her home to Connecticut, where she later died on June 11th. Rachel, who was a historic preservation major, is survived by her parents and her brothers and sister.

From Michelle:

It is another busy year for the Class of 1997. I can hardly keep up with where everyone is living, changes in careers, advanced degrees, marital status, parenthood....

Many people are finding their success in the D.C. area. **Chris Turner** is managing the home appraisal department for Chubb Insurance for the Washington, D.C., region. **Victor Pope** works for the Chesapeake Center Inc. in Springfield as a human resources recruiter. **Tim Meinken** is working for MCI WorldCom in Arlington, Va. **Liz Donahue Saunders** is working for Computer Associates. She and her husband Jerry are expecting their first child in April. **Jason Terril** lives in Reston, Va., and works for the Department of Defense. **Julie Newell** lives in Silver Spring and also works for the Department of Defense.

Erik Candy is living with **Scott Estelle** and **Brian Gilligan** in Arlington, Va. Erik is a staff consultant with Computer Sciences Corporation. Scott is working for Accenture. Brian is an analyst for the government and is very excited over the purchase of his new dog, Coco.

Danille Schlosser works for Eyecast in Herndon, Va. **Greg Willoughby** works in D.C. for the Society for Neuroscience. **Krissy Jahosky** is in sales for a top radio station in the D.C. area. She spent Thanksgiving in London visiting friends. **Ali McEvoy** was hired by AOL to dance at their holiday party, where 5,000 people were in attendance.

Tanya Najarian is working for Booz-Allen & Hamilton in Northern Virginia, where she runs into other MWC grads. Mike moved back to the D.C. area from San Diego and is working as a senior consultant for DOE at Booz-Allen & Hamilton. **Giles Kesteloot** is an executive officer for the engineering firm ICRC. After a three-year hiatus in San Diego, Calif., their band, MellowHeadBlue, will finally be playing in a city near you soon. Go to www.mellowheadblue.com to get more information.

There are still a number of people staying close to Fredericksburg. **Vanessa Valley**, **Cheryl Duckworth**, and **Rachel Papciak** have a house in Fredericksburg. **Myra Simpson** was recently appointed to a two-year term on the College's alumni board of directors and makes it to MWC frequently. She is in her second year working at The College of New Jersey and now has assistant coach for track and field in her list of accomplishments. After 27 years of being a stay-at-home mom and raising six children, **Jean Moneyhon** returned to gainful employment for Synetics, an information technology contractor located at Dahlgren. She continues to serve on several boards of directors for her volunteer efforts.

Some of us are enjoying life further west. **Jin Wong** was recently promoted to manager of scouting operations with the Kansas City Royals. He's getting out in the field as much as possible to learn more about evaluating players, getting more involved with issues surrounding the major league club and traveling all over Latin America to scout new players. He pretty much has a baseball fan's dream job. I'm incredibly jealous — he gets paid to watch baseball games. **Eric Earling** is working as a government affairs manager for the Washington Biotechnology & Biomedical Association. He and his wife, Stephani, live in Everett, Wash., with their two children, Joseph and Sophia. **Paola Ramirez** and **Clare Freckmann** are healthy and happy in Colorado. **Surya Dill** lives in Denver, Colo., and she spends her free time rock climbing and skiing. **Megan Burke Risher** is enjoying her custom-built house in California and is practicing her decorating skills. **Katie Ruth** is moving high up the chain of physics while working for Proctor and Gamble, and she lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, with her boyfriend, Jake. **Robin Birnbaum** lives in Flagstaff, Ariz., and will be attending Northern Arizona U. this spring to continue pursuing a master's degree in environmental engineering.

Pam Ellison Barr works for the American Red Cross Cord Blood Bank in Portland, Ore. Her group collects blood from umbilical cords in Portland, San Diego, and soon in Oakland and in Great Falls, Mont. Pam works in the lab, so she is processing the blood to harvest the many stem cells that are found within a baby's cord and attached placenta. This technology is very new, and Pam is excited to be working on the cutting edge. Pam, husband Dave and Shadow (their black lab) love Portland.

We have quite a few classmates pursuing and completing their advanced degrees. **Benjamin Hando** is studying physical therapy at Sacred Heart U. in Connecticut. He is scheduled to graduate in May 2001 and will enter the Air Force as a commissioned officer and physical therapist. **Kurt Jensen** is working on a Ph.D. in microbiology at U.Va. **Matt Sutter** is in law school at Catholic U. **Leslie Houts** earned a master's degree in sociology of sexuality from the U. of Florida last August. She is currently working towards a Ph.D. in sociology, also at U. of Florida. **Katy Higgins** is working on her M.Ed. at U.Va. in Charlottesville. She adopted a dog named Macy. **Ally Serio** is finishing her master's in geography.

If you have any research questions, these are the ladies to call. **Jennifer Rees** received her master's of library science from Rutgers U. in May 2000 and has been working full time as a cataloger at Baker & Taylor Entertainment Services in Bridgewater, N.J., and as a part-time librarian at the Scotch Plains, N.J., Public Library. Jennifer got engaged in July, and her wedding date is set for October 2001. **Karen Klapperstuck** finished her master of library science degree in August 2000 at the Catholic U. of America. She moved back to New Jersey and began working as the library director of the Bradley Beach Public Library.

I enjoy hearing of all the wonderful places everyone is traveling to. **Alanna Weaver** is working at Merck, enjoyed visiting her sister in England and is planning to make a trip to Italy soon. **Liz Rodriguez** cruised to French Polynesia on vacation and works at Georgetown U.'s Lombardi Cancer Center doing research on the molecular genetics of prostate cancer. **Michele Beagan** is back in Massachusetts after working in Michigan and planning an East Coast trip from Massachusetts to Florida. **Steve Malleck** and **Simon Harper** spent a few months traveling in New Zealand in the fall. **Peter Sullivan** hiked Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa in November 2000. Upon returning from Africa, Peter began working as a program manager for New Orleans Port Electrics. Peter will be returning to Northern Virginia to work for one of their sister companies. Peter and his girlfriend, Haley Tulicci, are expecting twins in late July. They won't share with us if they're having two girls, two boys, or one of each. We'll just have to find out in the next issue of *MWC Today*.

Interestingly enough, we have two graduates traveling in pursuit of their love of bears. **Rebecca Singer** is continuing her work at Zoo Atlanta with the pandas. She spent the winter and spring in China collecting data on pandas at the research base in Chengdu. **Robin Kozic** visited Churchill, Canada, to see the polar bears. Robin spent three days out on the tundra watching and photographing them and highly recommends the trip to everyone!

Many of our classmates have taken the ultimate plunge into parenthood. **Hilary Chow Roy**'s baby boy, Baylor, is beautiful and living happily in San Jose, Calif. **Cecilia Kane-Gagner** and **Jeremy Gagner** '98 had their first child, Jacob Steven, in July 2000. **Jackie Curry Todaro** gave birth to her and Jim's first child, Courtney Ann, in October. **Cheryl Mote Chafos** is living in Tuscany with her husband and her son, Andrew.

Love is certainly in the air. **Amy Lapasota** and Davin Miles were to be married in April 2001 on Long Island, N.Y. **Jen Repella** and Bobby Shelton were to be married in May 2001 in Maryland. Jen works at NIH, while Bobby has moved up the corporate ladder of Enterprise Rent-A-Car. **Ryan Preston** proposed to **Katie O'Leary** on Christmas Eve in Old Town Alexandria. **Candace Turley** was engaged a couple months ago and has planned an August 2001 wedding in her new hometown of San Francisco. **Sarah Burgess** got engaged to **Phil Hall** '89. They are building a house in Fredericksburg and are planning an April 2002 wedding. **George Forsythe** '96 and **Jessica Edmiston** were married in Richmond last October. Jessica is leading her own nonprofit project, and George is doing accountant work. **Matt Homer**, **Brian Daly** '98, **Rick Oppedisano** '96, **Meighan Cutler** and **Kimberly Wilson** attended the wedding. Matt lives in Richmond and works for Circuit City. Meg is living at a prime location in Alexandria. Kim received a promise ring from Rip Parker for her birthday.

Jenn Wood was married last fall at the Naval Academy, with **Bridget Malone**, **Anne Waldron Hoover**, **John Michael Tota** and **Chris Crone** in the wedding. I attended the wedding of **Ben Sutton** '95 and **Bethany Zecher** '93 in January, and it was a lovely and touching day for all.

Kira Stchur Gerasimon married Gregg Gerasimon in a beautiful ceremony on the campus of Princeton U. in August 2000. **Crissie Finno**, **Beth Shultz** and I had the honor of being Kira's bridesmaids. Kira and Gregg now live in Tucson, Ariz.

Since we're on the topic of weddings, I'm currently planning my own. Wade Van House, whom I met at work while training in Chicago in summer 1997, proposed to me in July at the Albert Einstein Memorial in Washington, D.C. The wedding is set for September 2001 on Long Island, N.Y., with Kira Stchur Gerasimon and Julie Newell joining my sisters as bridal attendants. We've been keeping busy with our new home in Minnetonka, Minn. Our love for travel took us to Thailand in December. After dealing with bad travel agents, impossible language barriers and a nasty bout with food poisoning, we've decided to take it easy and honeymoon in Kauai and Maui. I continue to fly around the country working as a consultant for CSC.

Whew! I sure hope I haven't forgotten anyone. Keep those letters, e-mails, postcards and smoke signals coming. I love hearing from everyone.

1999

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It has been two years since graduation. Most

of you have hit the real world full force, as evident by all of the wonderful news I am about to share with you. I am finishing my first year as a fourth-grade teacher in Spotsylvania, Va. I still have a Christmas break, a spring break and a summer break to look forward to (yippee!). I still get to lie on the floor, read a good book, play kickball and dodgeball, eat school lunches and watch movies. But then again, I have tests to make, projects to grade, committees to attend and 21 kids to entertain every day — but it is worth it. I think I have found a happy medium between the real world and a carefree childhood. Well, enough about me — let me tell you what's going on with the Class of '99.

Some of the most exciting news I have to share are marriage and engagement announcements. **Brian Fletcher** and **Katarina Gamage** were married in May 2000 and are opening their own businesses, a cross-cultural retail store and a reggae lounge, in Fredericksburg this summer. **Denise Policastro** and **Ed Augustyn** were married in June 2000 and traveled to Bermuda for their honeymoon. Ed is a financial investment broker for Summit Financial, and Denise is a part-time Spanish teacher and a manager at the Limited, Too in New Jersey. **Kate Garvey** was married to Gus Goddin in March at Langley Air Force Base. Out in sunny Los Angeles, **Meredith Wolfe** accepted **Marty Molloy**'s proposal of marriage over Thanksgiving. Marty works in promotions and marketing with The Guild Group, while Meredith is a grant writer for The Child and Family Center Foundation. Next December, **Rebecca Williams** will be united in marriage with **Bradley Payne** '97. **Gina DeSantis** will be married in October to Carter Shaw and will be moving to Evington, Va. A big hoorah and congrats to you all!

While some of our classmates are busy researching types of invitations and reception sites, others are researching term papers and finishing exams. **Joe DiRuzzo** is at the U. of Miami Law School, and **Chris Lanzillotta** has one year left at Georgetown Law School. **Robyn Alizzeo** has traveled to Kansas to pursue her degree in veterinary school. **Julie Yontz** is also hard at work on her master's at Georgetown U.

Some are still in school, while others are teaching school. **Lisa Mueller** continues to teach fifth-graders at Courtland Elementary School. **Jim Agnew** moved south and has just finished his first year of teaching 11th/12th-grade English in Punta Gorda, Fla. **Shoshana Goldberg** is living in Gaithersburg, Md., working as a behavioral resource consultant at Ivymont School. She works with autistic and multi-handicapped children.

As always, Mary Wash grads have spread out across the world exploring their careers. **Hermence Matsotsa** and **Monique Mitchell** are in Toga and Madagascar, Africa, respectively with the Peace Corps. **Nate Pipke** is traveling to New York City, Memphis, Tennessee, and Jacksonville, Fla., for auditions. Good luck, Nate! **Julie McPhilomy** continues to fly with American Airlines and is based in Chicago. **Jessie Swissler** is in Colorado doing seasonal work. Weather permitting, she works with a white-water rafting tour group. **Kate Walker Krukiel** has begun her own consulting business and travels the East Coast from Washington, D.C., to Pennsylvania. **Janet Oldis** was just promoted within Ziff-Davis Media and is now an associate recruiter. And in Gettysburg, Pa., **Aimee Seward** continues her coaching career at Gettysburg College.

Supapan Kanti got some traveling in to Hawaii, Thailand and Beijing before beginning a new career with MCI WorldCom. Joining her in Northern Virginia are many other MWC grads from 1999. **Andrea Sellers** continues to work with Booz-Allen, and **Greg Stemberger** is working in Reston for Sprint. **Courtney Crabill** is a circuit engineer for MCI WorldCom. Arlington was too long a commute for **Katy Buchanan**, so she moved to Herndon, which is closer to her job at SAVVIS Communications. **Kristin Ruhl** continues to work hard at Verizon Technology Organization. Out in Reston, **Paul Storer** is studying hard for the CPA exam while holding down a full-time job at Atlantic Coast Airlines. **Meredith Wilcox** is working with the American Council on Alcoholism and is living in Maryland. **James Tsantes** is also at MCI WorldCom as a budget analyst and financial coordinator. **John Hallet** also works as a financial analyst but is located in Richmond, Va., with Capital One. **Kevin Kincaid** is hard at work at NASDAQ in Northern Virginia. **Georgina Bruer** was promoted at the Department of Defense to a senior wage specialist. And lastly, I wish a speedy recovery to **Stephanie Pencek**, who had knee surgery last October. She works in the Reston Towne Center at Eddie Bauer.

Thanks to all that responded to my e-mails and supplied me with this information. Hope to hear from more of you next time!

IN MEMORIAM

Anne Lee Cunningham '20
Eleanor Temple Broaddus Bruce '22
Lelia Hunter Hardwick '22
Edith Janney Walsh '28
Grace Pendleton Garriss '29
Evelyn Cline Pearce '32
Mary Turner Wellford '33
Louise Jennings Creamer '36
Rebekah Davidson Jenkins '36
Lavinia Morrison Williamson '36
Juanita Owen Janney '37
Dorothy Verlander Shelburne '37
Verina Britt Coleman '39
Alice Fitzhugh Neff '40
Elizabeth Dickenson Bance '41
Ellen Christine Brown Carter '41
Evelyn Kathleen Brooks Brizendine '42
Nora Fisher '42
Antoinette Hayes Hobson '42
Ruby Spicer Davis '43
Hilda Holloway Law '43
D. Catherine Ducharme Weeks '45
Clara Gould '46
Billie Gene Goodson '48
Bette Cox Yale '48
Elizabeth Strother Hilbish '49
Charlotte Leonard Wilder '50
Doris Lequin Steele '52
Jean A. Leiby Cody '53
Barbara Winthrop Stroop '54
Phyllis C. Cohen Aarons '56
Sabra Wood Lindsay '56
Chrystene Bing Klar '59
Mary Beck Haney '61
Susan Lukehart Hallden '62
Virginia M. Heath '85
Laura Woodruff Lumpkin '85
Artemis Bayati '97
Rachel Jones '97

Rebecca T. Woosley '44, associate professor emerita of health and physical education

CONDOLENCES

Isebelle Page Burden '33, who lost her husband
Marguerite Pruitt Luce '45, who lost her sister
Nancy Darby Morrissette '45, who lost her husband
Hilda Jones Blakemore '49, who lost her husband
Elva Tate Hasher '49, who lost her husband
Lucille Pope Midyette '49, who lost her husband
Barbara Trimm Wright '49, who lost her sister
Marceline Weatherly Morris '50, who lost her mother
Margaret Rawls Bachtell '52, who lost her husband
Katherine Toe Laer Corcoran '53, who lost her husband
Betty Huckstep Cross '57, who lost her mother
Marcia Minton Keech '61, who lost her mother
Ann Tench Huml '62, who lost her mother
Barbara Schwab Jesser '62, who lost her mother
Kathleen Flattery Smith '62, who lost her mother
Patricia A. Piermatti '70, who lost her mother
Vicki Rudacille Davison '83, who lost her father
Cindi Pelter Manning '83, who lost her father
Lynn Ziernicki McKay '83, who lost her father
Tamara Morse '97, who lost her mother

Rebecca Teague Woosley

1920-2000

Becky was small in stature but a giant in integrity, patience and organizational ability. Her career started with an undergraduate degree in business administration from the Woman's College in Greensboro, N.C. She taught business in high school in Lexington, N.C. Her decision to pursue a degree in health and physical education brought her to Mary Washington College. Becky received her master's degree from Louisiana State University and returned to Mary Washington as an instructor in health and physical education.

One of Becky's greatest attributes was her enthusiasm for her classes and her students. She was respected and admired by her students and her peers. Her professional decisions were deliberate and methodical. No decision of hers was ever made in a hurry. "Hurry" was not in her vocabulary.

Becky was an adamant Redskins fan. She would not talk on the phone when the game was in progress; however, when they scored a touchdown, you could bet my phone would ring. Students knew if the Redskins won by the expression on her face on Monday morning.

Perhaps one of the greatest disappointments in Becky's career was the loss of the health and physical education major in the department. She turned her efforts to academic advising. Her students were appreciative of her knowledge, understanding and helpfulness.

She had a great love for her home, her dogs and her gardening. All the vegetables, tomatoes, okra, squash and cucumbers were raised in a rock-filled garden under the C&P power line. No one but Becky would persist in such a task! She had the courage of her convictions — a little stubborn, but a wonderful sense of humor and a vivacious personality.

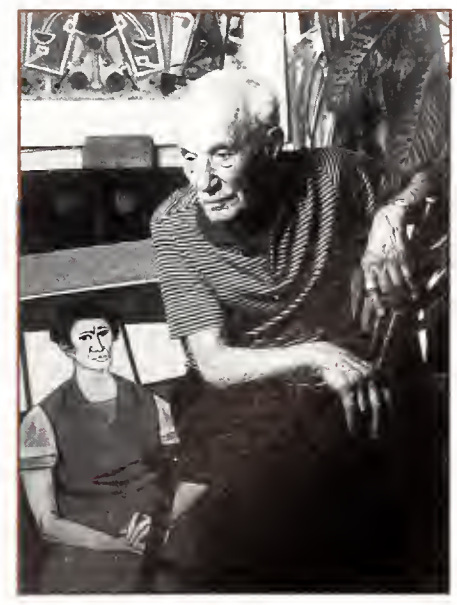
I am so thankful for the privilege of working with and knowing Becky. She was a close friend and an excellent role model for the physical education profession.

Mildred A. Droste, associate professor emerita of health and physical education.

Alfred Levitt

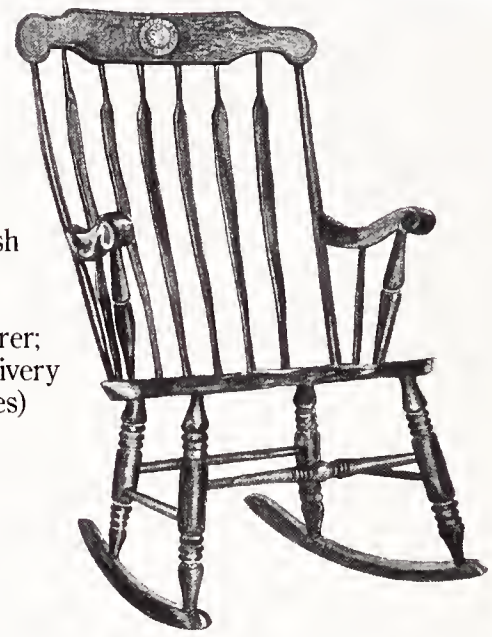
Alfred Levitt (1894-2000), friend, donor and benefactor of Mary Washington College, died in New York City on May 25, 2000. He was 105. A memorial exhibition of his work was held at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery this past spring (March 22 – June 3). The show featured works of art from every phase of Levitt's long and multi-faceted career and highlighted many of his finest "Gloucester" paintings from the 1940s. Many of these paintings, which were the result of summers spent painting in Gloucester, Mass., were acquired by the College just prior to Levitt's death. The show also featured some works never before seen by the public.

Levitt immigrated to the United States from Russia in 1911 at the age of 17. In the 1920s he became an integral part of the circle of artists and intellectuals in Greenwich Village. In the 1940s, Levitt spent each summer painting scenes of Gloucester, along with Stuart Davis, Milton Avery, Adolph Gottlieb and others. This work resulted in Levitt's first one-person show at New York City's Babcock Gallery in 1947.



Spinning Wheel Boutique

The Spinning Wheel Boutique can help you find that special gift. The Boutique offers a variety of merchandise, featuring the pewter Jefferson Cup, Boston Rocker and Captain's Chair. Gifts are available for purchase at the alumni house or they can be shipped (with additional shipping charge). Add 4.5% sales tax to the price of all items purchased in the Boutique or shipped to a Virginia address. Make checks payable to Mary Washington College Alumni Association, and mail requests to P.O. Box 1315, College Station, Fredericksburg, VA 22402. You can also call the Alumni Office at (540) 654-1011 with your order or fax it to (540) 654-1075 and charge it with your VISA or MasterCard.



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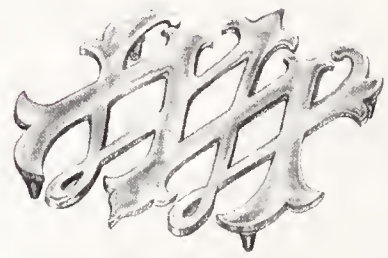

Mary Washington Brass Trivet
(in the shape of the MW)
7-inch, $19.00
(shipping $3.00)

Pewter Jefferson Cup $20.00
Etched with MWC seal
(shipping $3.00)

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All wool, 62" x 84"
Navy blue/white MWC seal/gray trim
(shipping $6.00)

Beach Towel $28.50
Navy blue with white embroidered lettering, 36" x 72"
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#342-2108–Satin black lacquer finish with cherry arms
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Natural cotton with navy blue trim and embroidered lettering
Small (12" x 14")–$15.00
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Nylon Bags (not pictured):
Large Carry-All, 24" x 12" x 12", $28.50 (shipping $5.00)
Small Carry-All, 19" x 10" x 10", $23.50 (shipping $4.00)
Briefcase, 16-1/4" x 13-1/4" x 3", $28.50 (shipping $4.00)
Garment Bag, 39", $24.00 (shipping $4.00)
Garment Bag, 54", $30.50 (shipping $4.00)

Vincent A. DiBenedetto III, rector of MWC's Board of Visitors (far left) and President William M. Anderson Jr. (far right) joined Andrew Young and the Farmer family in front of the bronze sculpture.

Andrew Young's day-long visit included several opportunities to meet and talk with members of the MWC community. In the morning, he spoke at a classroom session in the Great Hall, and later he chatted with a group of students in an informal session in Virginia Hall lounge. Monica Price, a senior who attended the Virginia Hall talk as part of Bill Hanson's "Civil Rights in the New Millennium" class said they had been learning about Young and other civil rights leaders, and that she was eager to meet Andrew Young, who sat only a few feet away. Senior Pam Kirby, who also attended the session, said that it's important to take advantage of such opportunities available on campus. "He's straight out of history," she said, "and he's right here." The day culminated after the Dodd Auditorium speech, when the audience rose and went down to Campus Walk. The crowd surrounded the spot where the memorial bust stood. All listened as J. Richard Garnett Jr., memorial committee co-chair and member of the Fredericksburg City Council, and memorial committee co-chair and chair of the James Farmer Scholars Board of Directors Marguerite Young, addressed the large gathering, which included participants from the original group of Freedom Riders. Young introduced Farmer's daughters, Tami Farmer Gonzalez and Abbey Farmer, and granddaughter Abigale Elizabeth Gonzalez. They then removed the blue-cloth covering, unveiling publicly, for the first time, the detailed bronze bust. The crowd applauded the much-anticipated viewing of the tribute to the civil rights legend, whose astounding strength, incredible resilience and unwavering commitment to justice are etched, now, forever, in *our* history.

Above: The unveiling of the Farmer bust was an occasion for joy.

Right: J. Richard Garnett, member of Fredericksburg City Council and Marguerite Young, chair of the board of directors of the James Farmer Scholars, received plaques of appreciation for their leadership as co-chairs of the James Farmer Memorial Committee.

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